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YAAAAAY!!

FEEL THAT COOL BREEZE! SMELL THE FLOWERS! LISTEN TO THE RUNNING BROOK!

YOU PRETTY MUCH SUMMED IT UP, AMY! SURE IS GOOD TO BE HOME!

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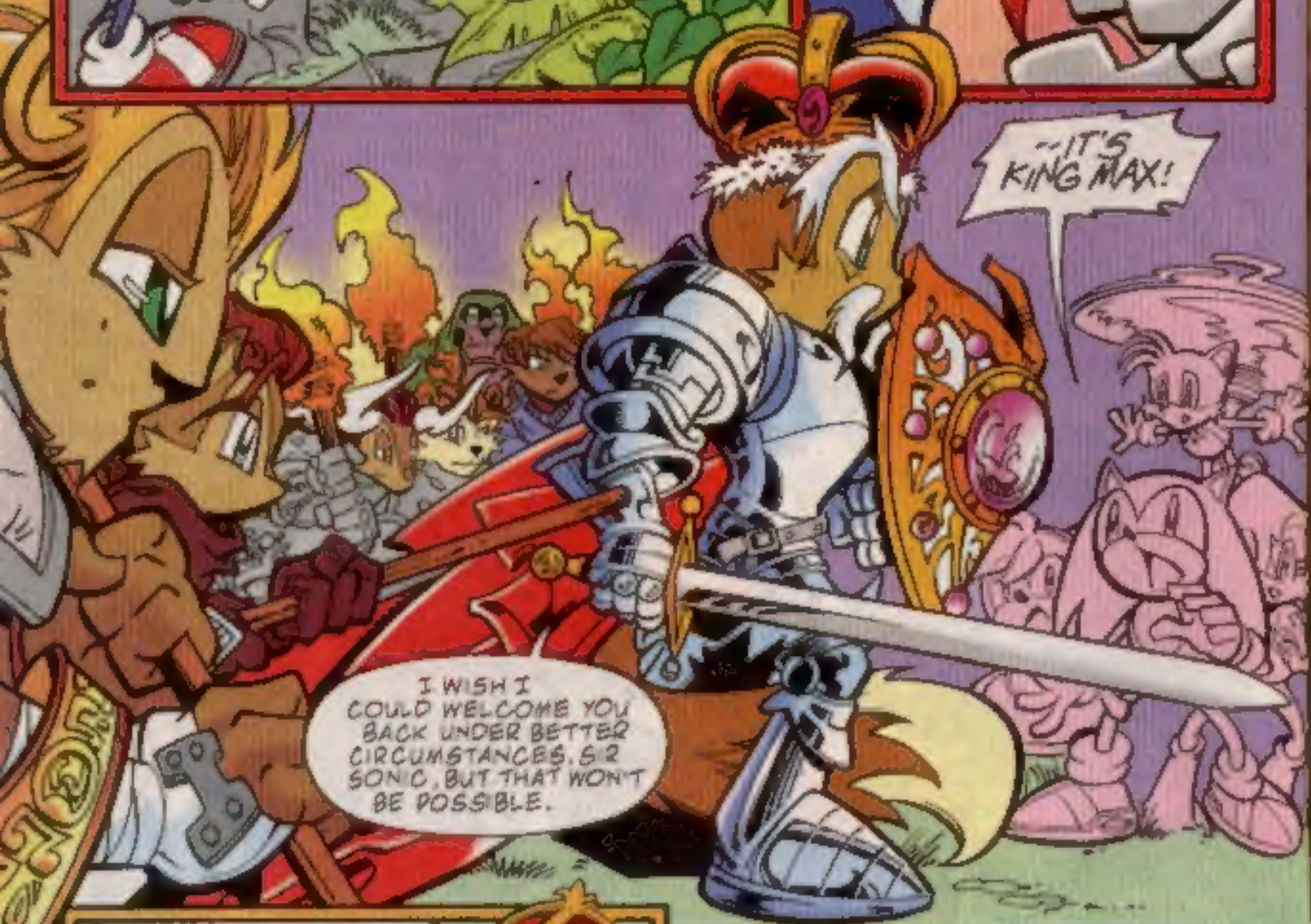
...AND I CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE WHAT'S BEEN
SHAKIN' SINCE WE LEFT!



LIKE, WHOA!
WHAT'RE ALL THOSE
LIGHTS UP AHEAD?



I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT--



--IT'S
KING MAX!

I WISH I
COULD WELCOME YOU
BACK UNDER BETTER
CIRCUMSTANCES, S R
SONIC, BUT THAT WON'T
BE POSSIBLE.



I'M NOT FOLLOWIN' YOUR
HIGHNESS! WHAT'S UP WITH
THE KING-SIZED ARMY?

I INTEND TO
STORM DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK'S
FORTRESS.



WHY, DAD?
WHAT HAPPENED
WHILE WE WERE
GONE?

SALLY, PRINCESS...
YOUR BROTHER HAS
BEEN CAPTURED BY
ROBOTNIK'S SHADOW-
BOTS...

"I DIDN'T WISH TO TELL YOU BEFORE YOU DEPARTED, BUT YOUR MOTHER'S ILLNESS HAD WORSENERD."

"ELIAS OVERHEARD DOCTOR QUACK INFORM ME OF THE BAD NEWS."

"HE LATER SNUCK PAST THE ROYAL GUARD, TRAVELED TO ROBOTROPOLIS..."

"...AND SOMEHOW MANAGED TO INFILTRATE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS."

"ONCE INSIDE, HE LOCATED A SINGLE VIAL CONTAINING A METALLIC LIQUID AND SMUGGLED IT AWAY."

"BUT THE SHADOW-BOTS SOON CAUGHT ON AND CHASED ELIAS ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE GREAT FOREST!"

"YOUR BROTHER MANAGED TO PASS HIS CARGO TO A GIRL NEAR THE GREAT OAK'S ENTRANCE..."

"...BEFORE BEING TAKEN PRISONER."

"ELIAS HAD TOLD THE GIRL TO BRING THE MYSTERIOUS LIQUID TO QUEEN ALICIA..."

"...AND SHE QUICKLY OBEYED."

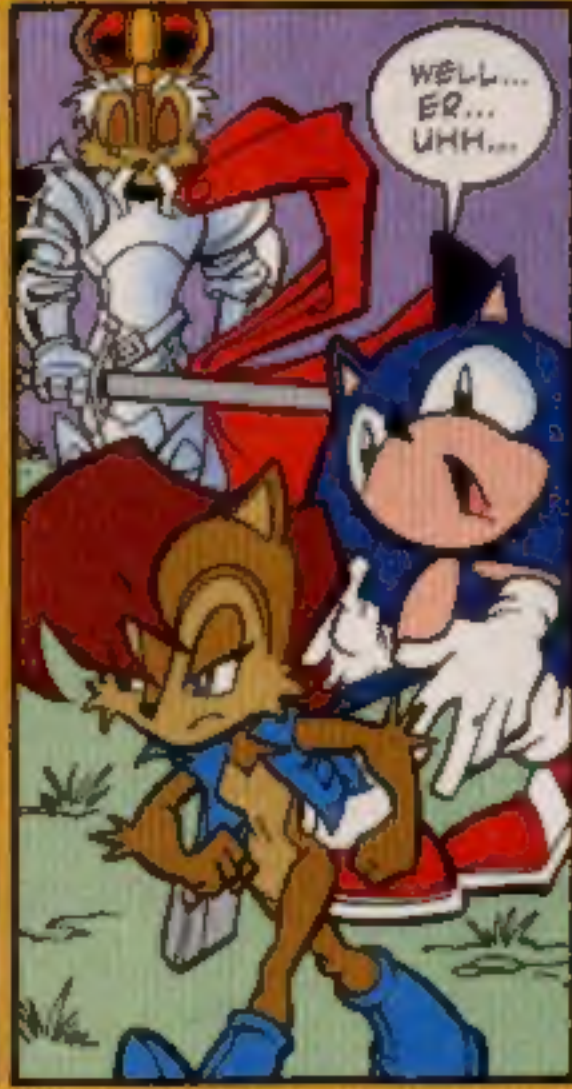


"QUACK AND HIS MEDICAL TEAM INJECTED IT INTO YOUR MOTHER'S SYSTEM..."

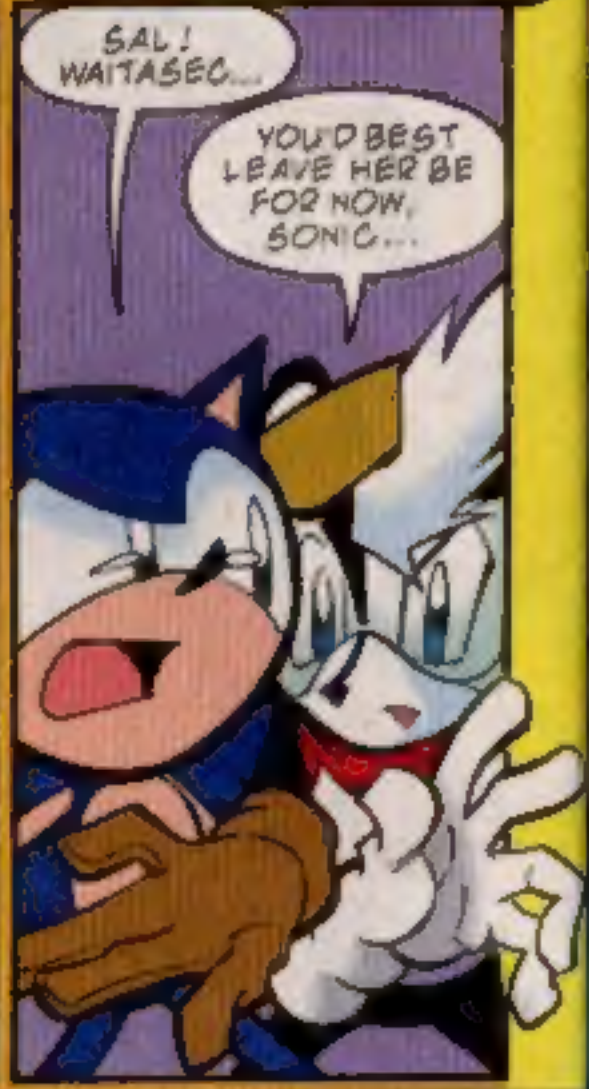
"...AND NOW SHE'S UNDERGOING INTENSIVE SURGERY."



WELL, THANKS FOR THE TIMELY RECAP, DAD!



WELL... ER... UHH...



SAL! WAITASEC...

YOU'D BEST LEAVE HER BE FOR NOW, SONIC...



...THE SECRET SERVICE AND I COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP ON THIS MISSION!

UHM... SURE THING, ST. JOHN...

ROBOTROPOLIS...



YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS, SIR. YOU CAN STILL LET ME GO.

I'M FORCED TO DISAGREE, FOOLISH PRINCE, AND ONLY TOO WILLING TO ROBOTICIZE YOU IN ROBOTNIK'S NAME!



KNOTHOLE KINGDOM...

LIEUTENANT D'COOLETTE,
YOUR CURRENT INJURY FORCES
ME TO REMOVE YOU FROM
ACTIVE DUTY.

WHAT?! BUT YOUR
HEINY-- SURELY MY AB-
SENCE WILL JEOPARDIZE
THE MISSION'S SUCCESS,
NON?!

DON'T WORRY,
ANTOINE-- I'LL SIT THIS
ONE OUT WITH YA!

IT'S GOOD
TO HAVE YOU
BACK, SON!

IT'S GOOD
TO BE BACK!
DAD-- HOPE
YOU AND MOM
DIDN'T MISS
ME TOO MUCH!

THE PAST
WEEK FELT
LIKE SIX
MONTHS!

WORD
TO SONIC'S
MOTHER...

ARE YOU
AND TAILS
READY
SONIC?

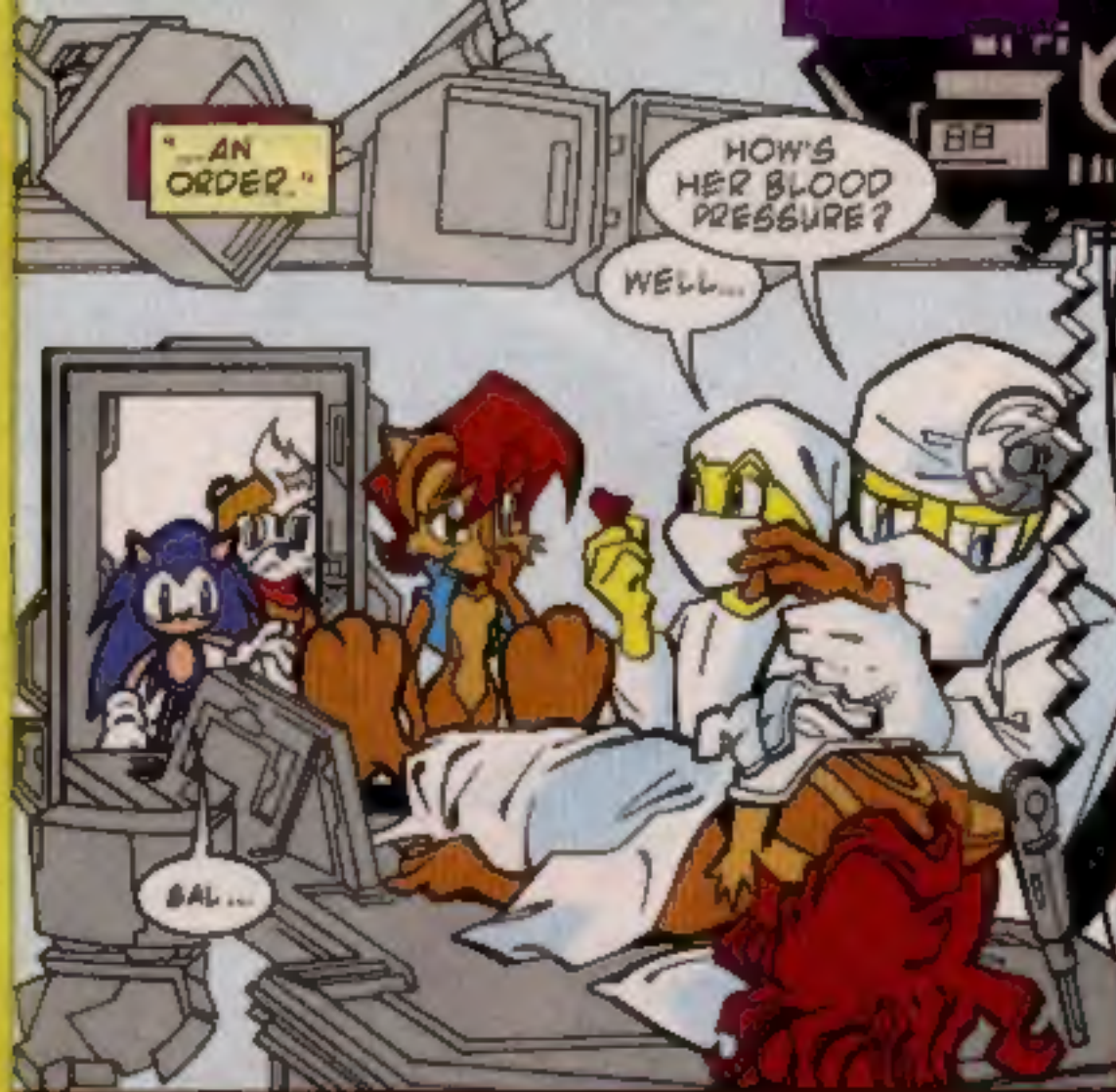
EVER
READY.
LET'S
BOOGIE.

SONIC! GEOFFREY!
PRINCESS SALLY'S IN
THE MED-LAB AND SHE
WANTS TO SEE YOU
BOTH!

NO
PROBL--

ACTUALLY,
AMY ROSE,
WE'RE SET TO
RENDEZVOUS
WITH THE KING
IN MERE
MINUTES.

IT'S NOT
EXACTLY A
REQUEST. IT'S
MORE ALONG
THE LINES
OF...





family matters

chapter two

ROBOTNIK'S
HQ'S DEAD AHEAD,
SONIC!

YOU AND
BOMB KNOW
WHAT TO DO
NEXT,
TAILS!

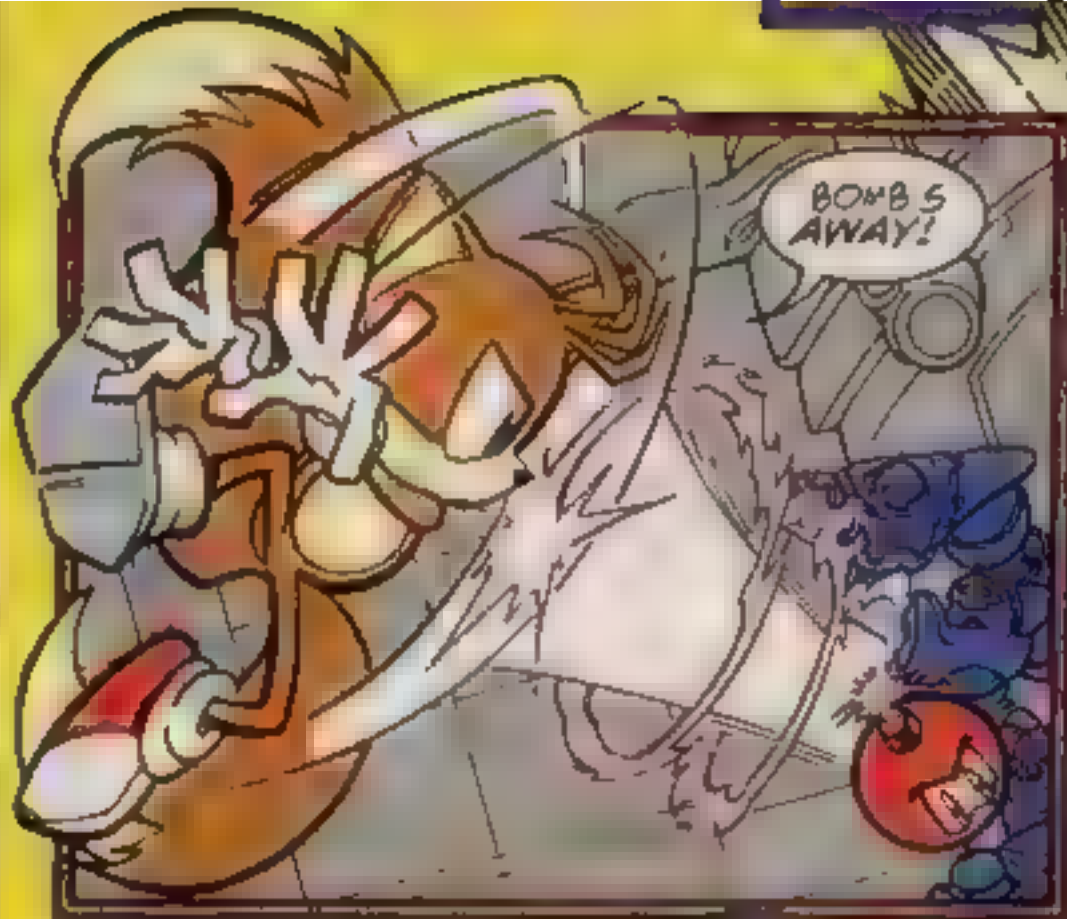
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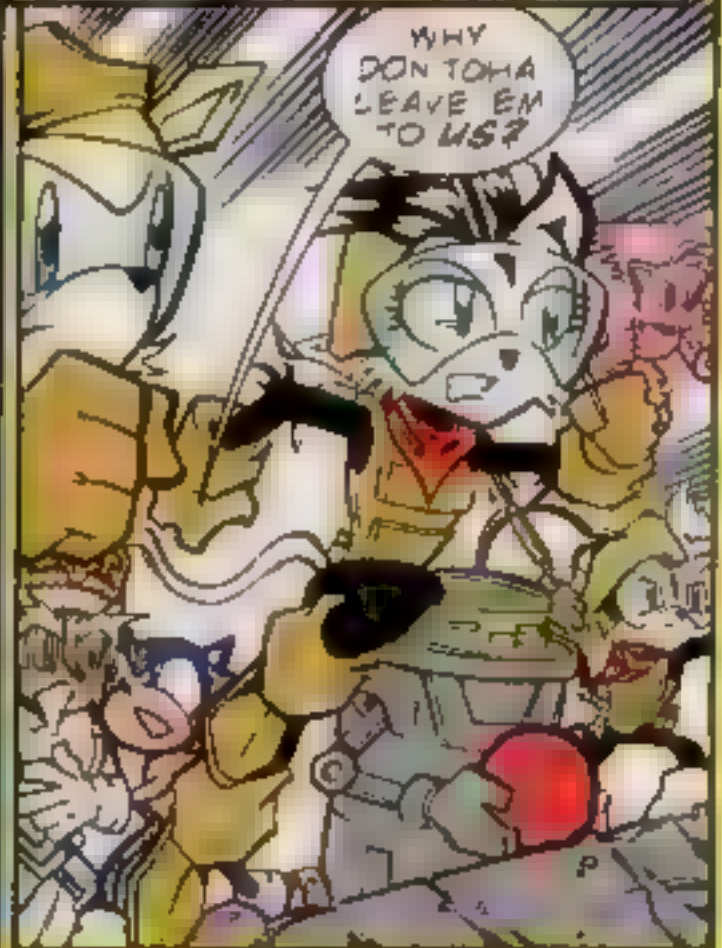
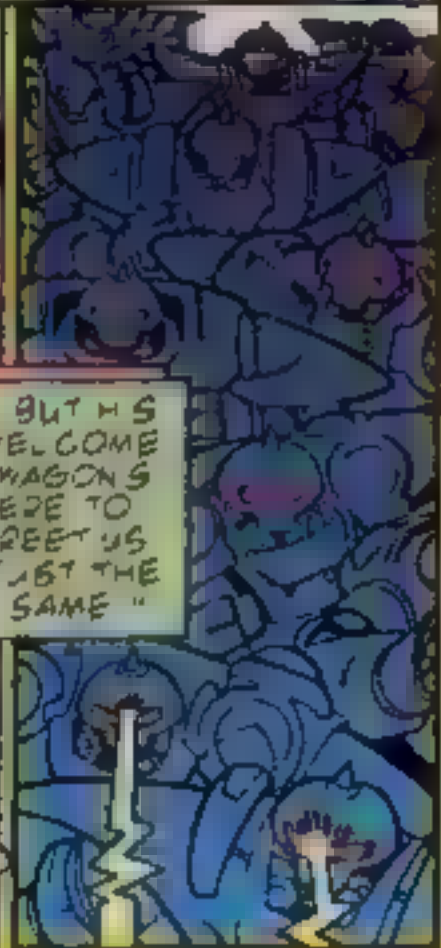
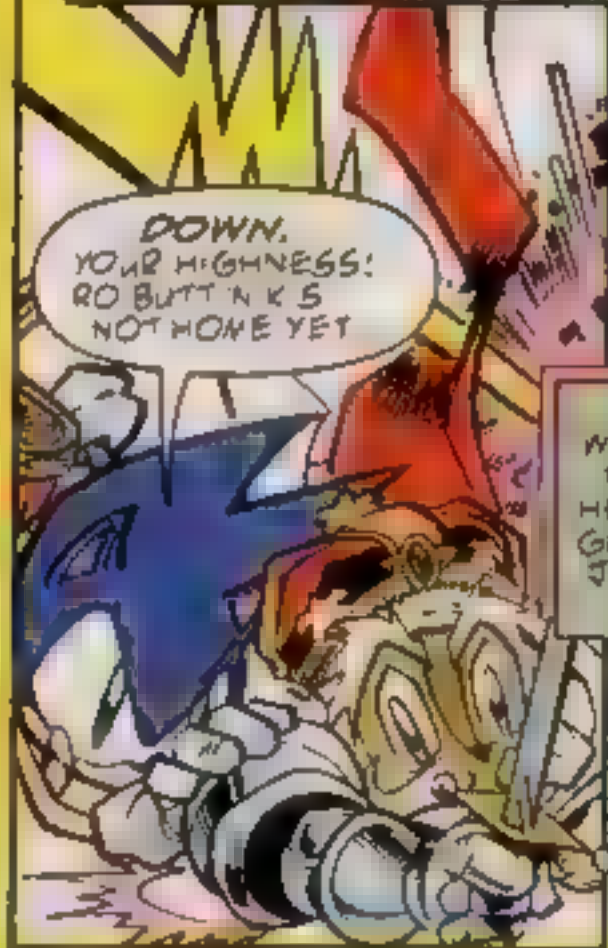
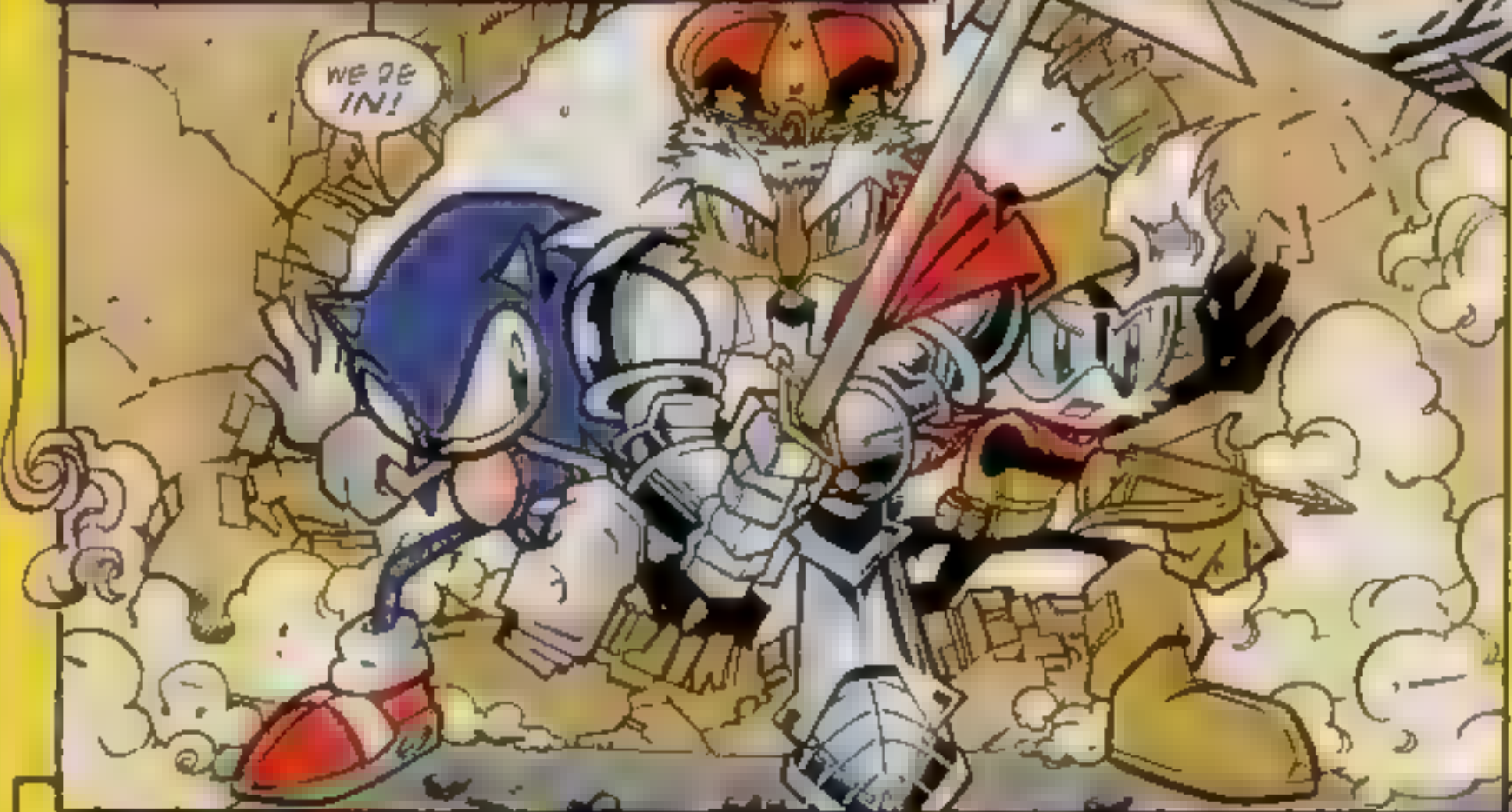
THOOM

WHAT'S THAT
COMMOTION?!

GRRR



SH BOOM



THERE'S BEEN
A SERIOUS BREACH
IN SECURITY

SHADOW BOYS
--TOSS HIM INTO
THE ROBOTIC ZER!

SR CHARLES PLEASE
DON'T DO THIS!

BECAUSE WE
WH SHOULD ER
FND E, AS
INSTEAD

SONIC - WHY WON'T
YOU LET ME PARTAKE IN
THE BATTLE?

GEOFFREY AND
THE OTHERS CAN
HANDLE THE BOYS

YOU'RE TOO
LATE, DOLTS.

UNCLE
CHUCK!

FAR FAR
TOO LATE!

EL AS

OH
NO

KNOTHOLE

PRINCESS SALLY,
I AM REQUESTING A
LEAVING OF ZEE
ABSENCE TO RE-
CUPERATE

WHERE
ARE YOU GOING
ANTO NE?

ZEE KINGDOM OF
MERCIA ZAT IS WHERE
BUNNIE AND I WILL CON-
FRONT MY FATHER WHO
STILL LIVES

BUT HAS
BECOME ROBOTNEEKS
ROBOT C ZED
SERVANT.

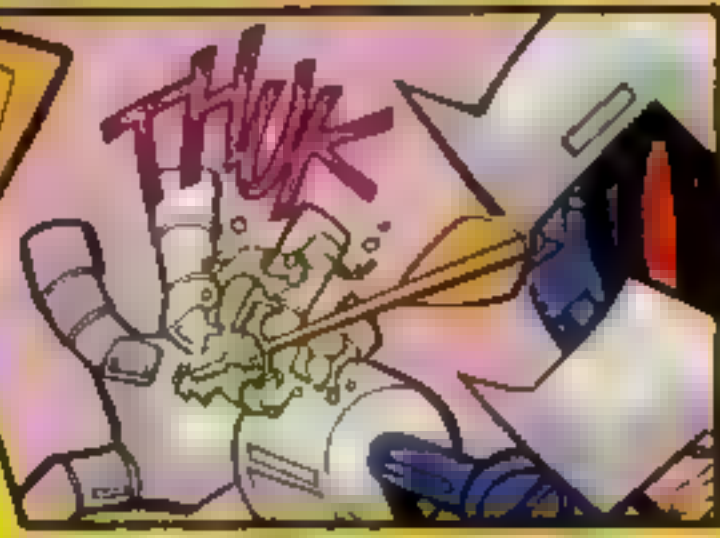
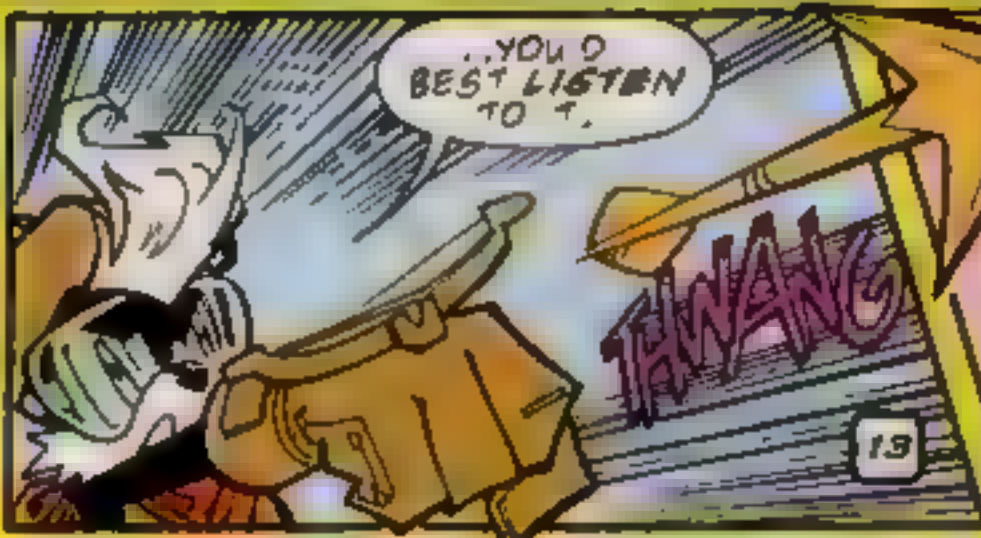
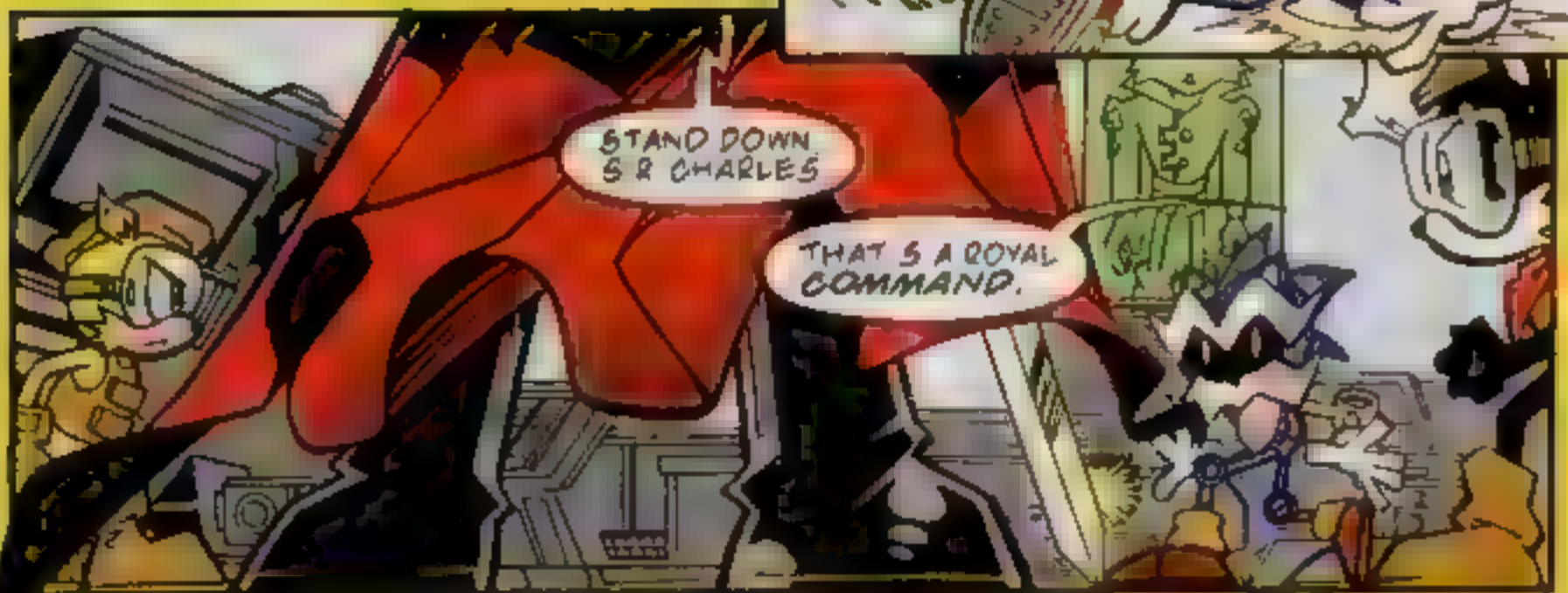
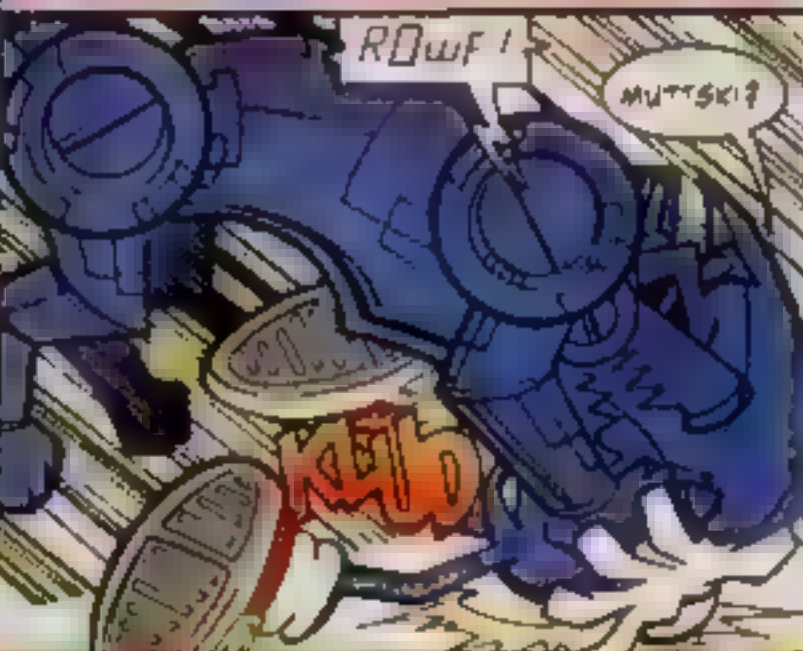
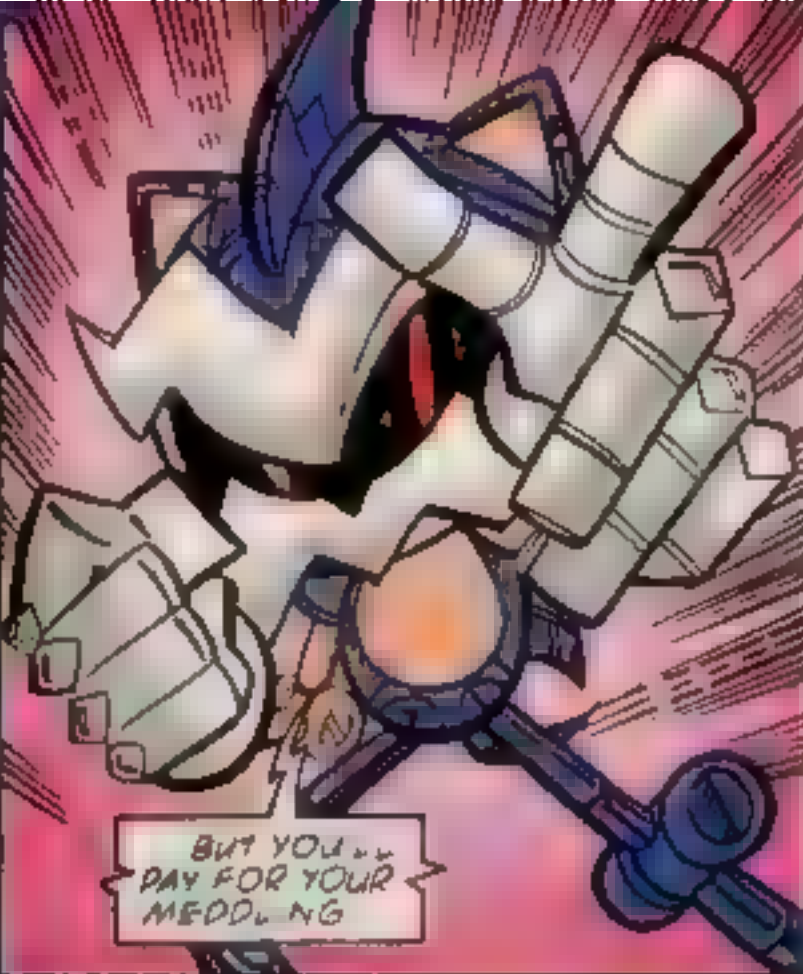
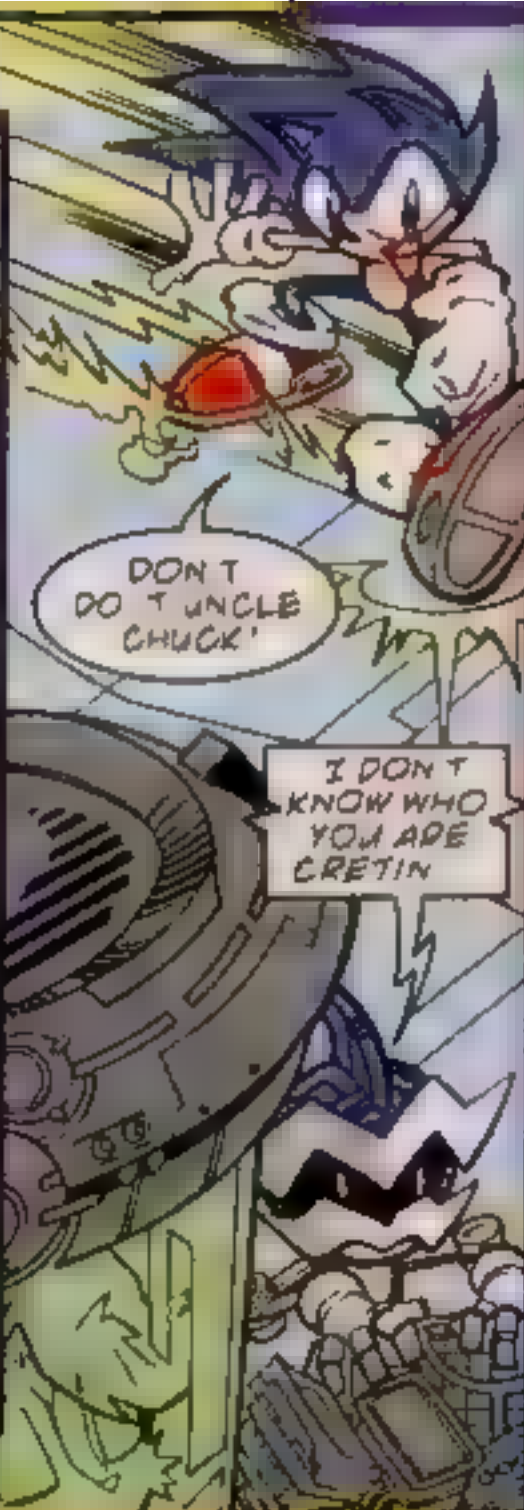
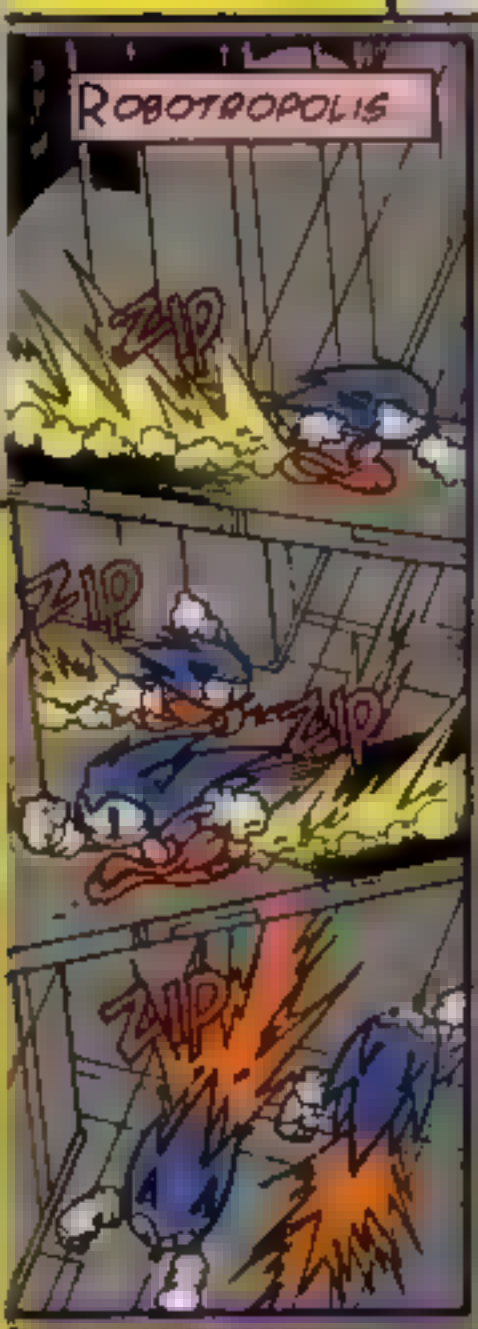
IF THAT'S TRUE,
I HAVE TO GO WITH
THEM--I WAS BORN
IN MERCIA AND MY
COUSIN ROBO
THE HEDGE
STILL LIVES THERE!

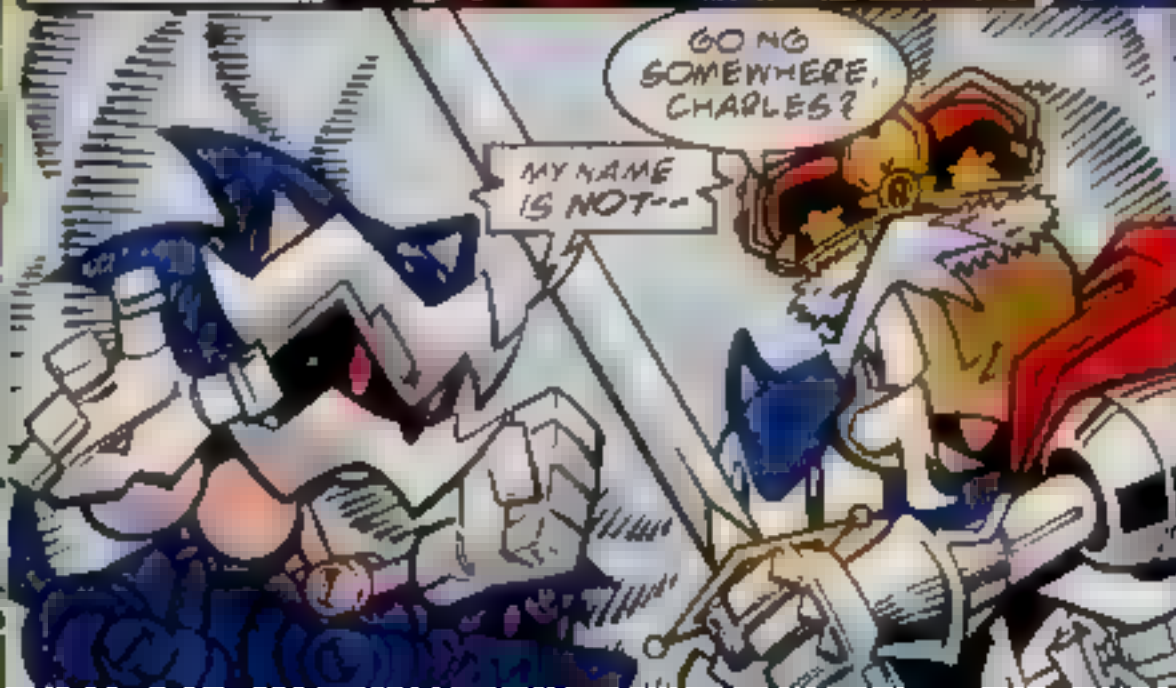
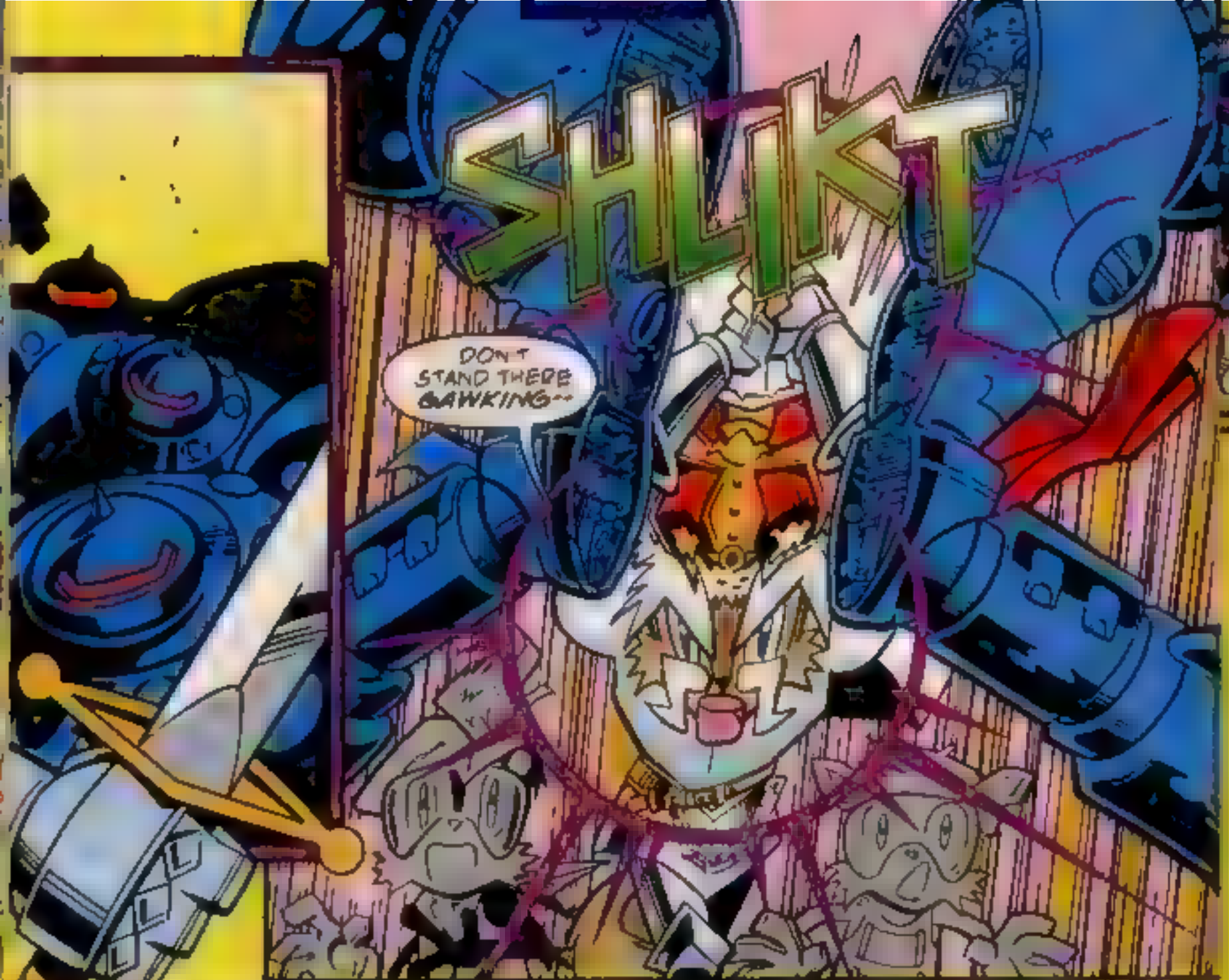
I'M NOT
CERTAIN
ABOUT ANY
OF THIS

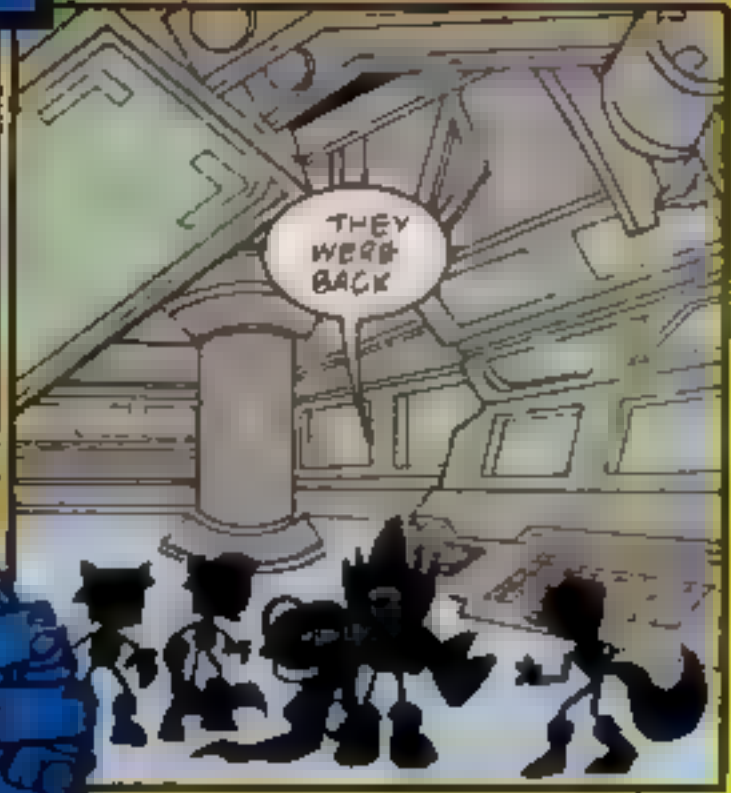
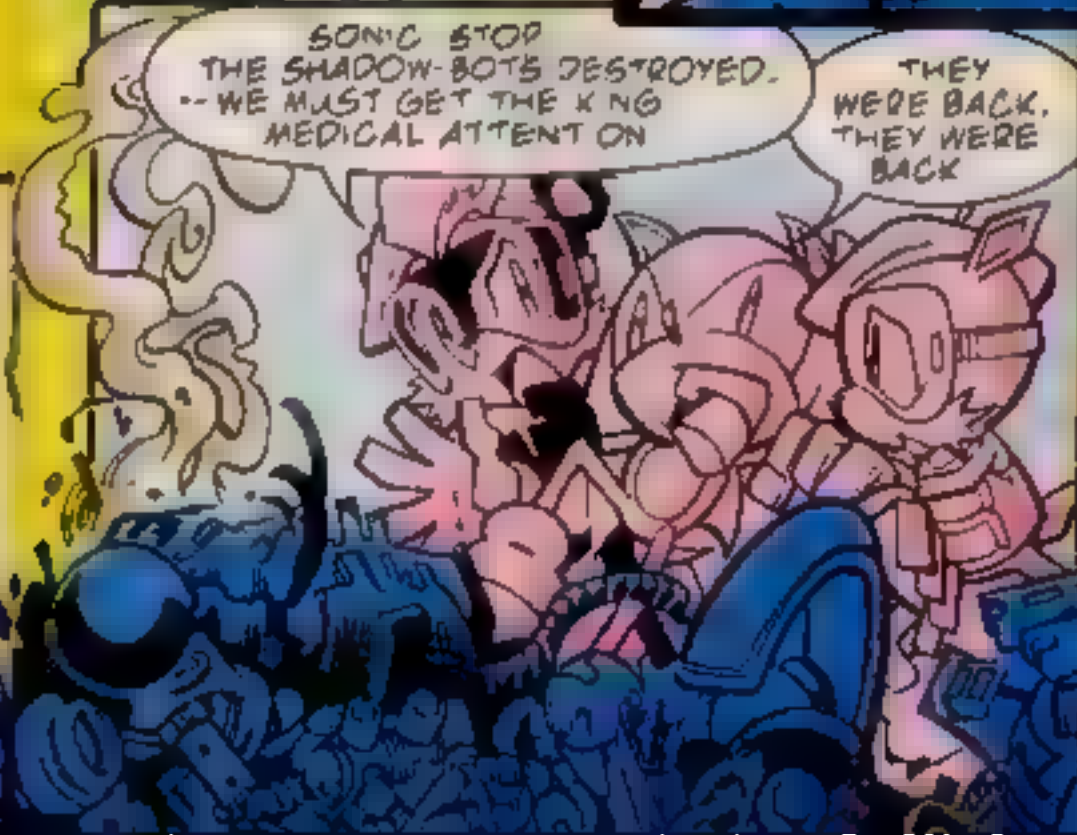
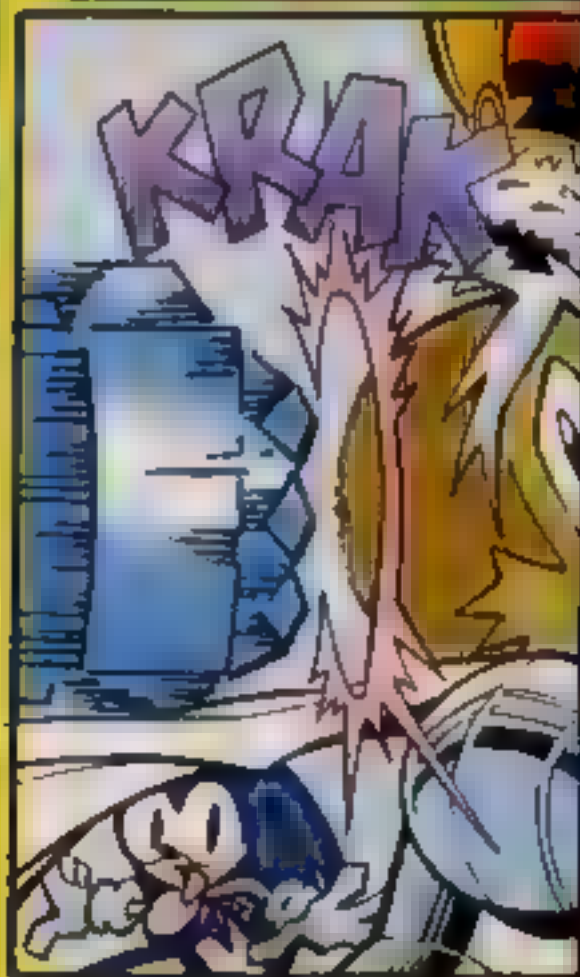
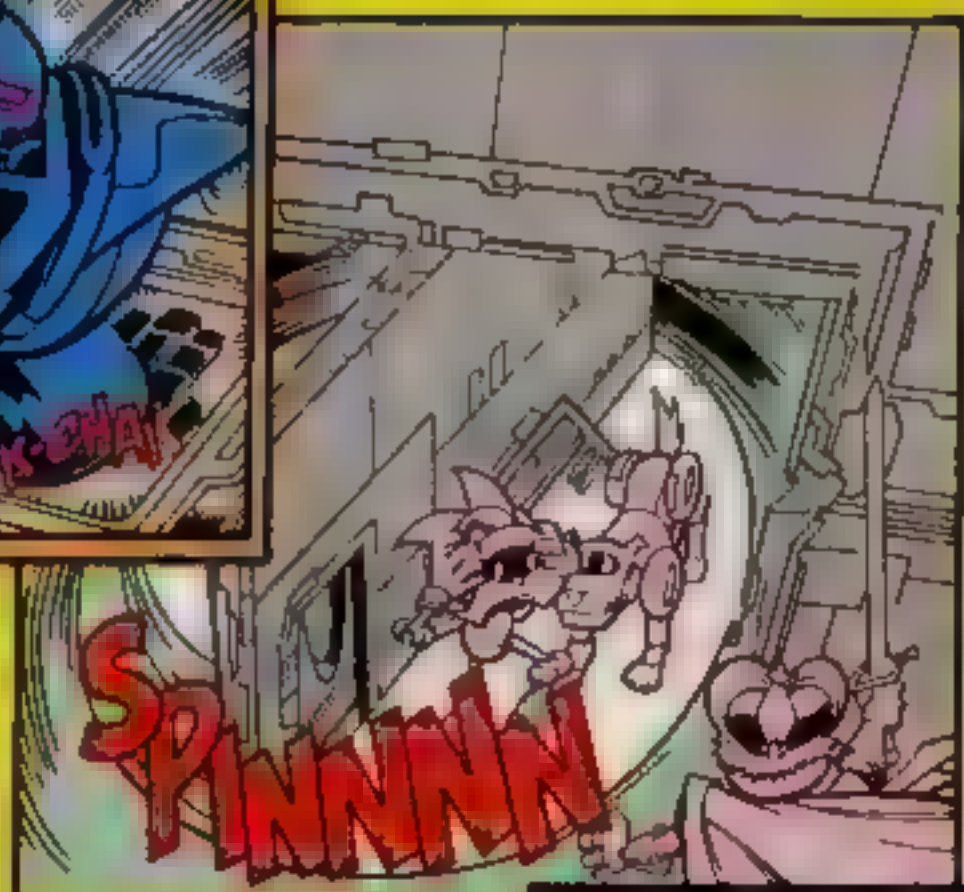
" BUT I UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT MEANS TO ALL
OF YOU GOOD-BYE

AND
GOOD LUCK

ROBOTROPOLIS







KNOTHOLE

SALLY
PRINCESS
SURGERY IS
COMPLETE

WELL,
HORAT O?

IS MY
MOTHER
BONG TO
BE--

DAD!

PLEASE
DOCTOR
QUACK
PLEASE
HELP US

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

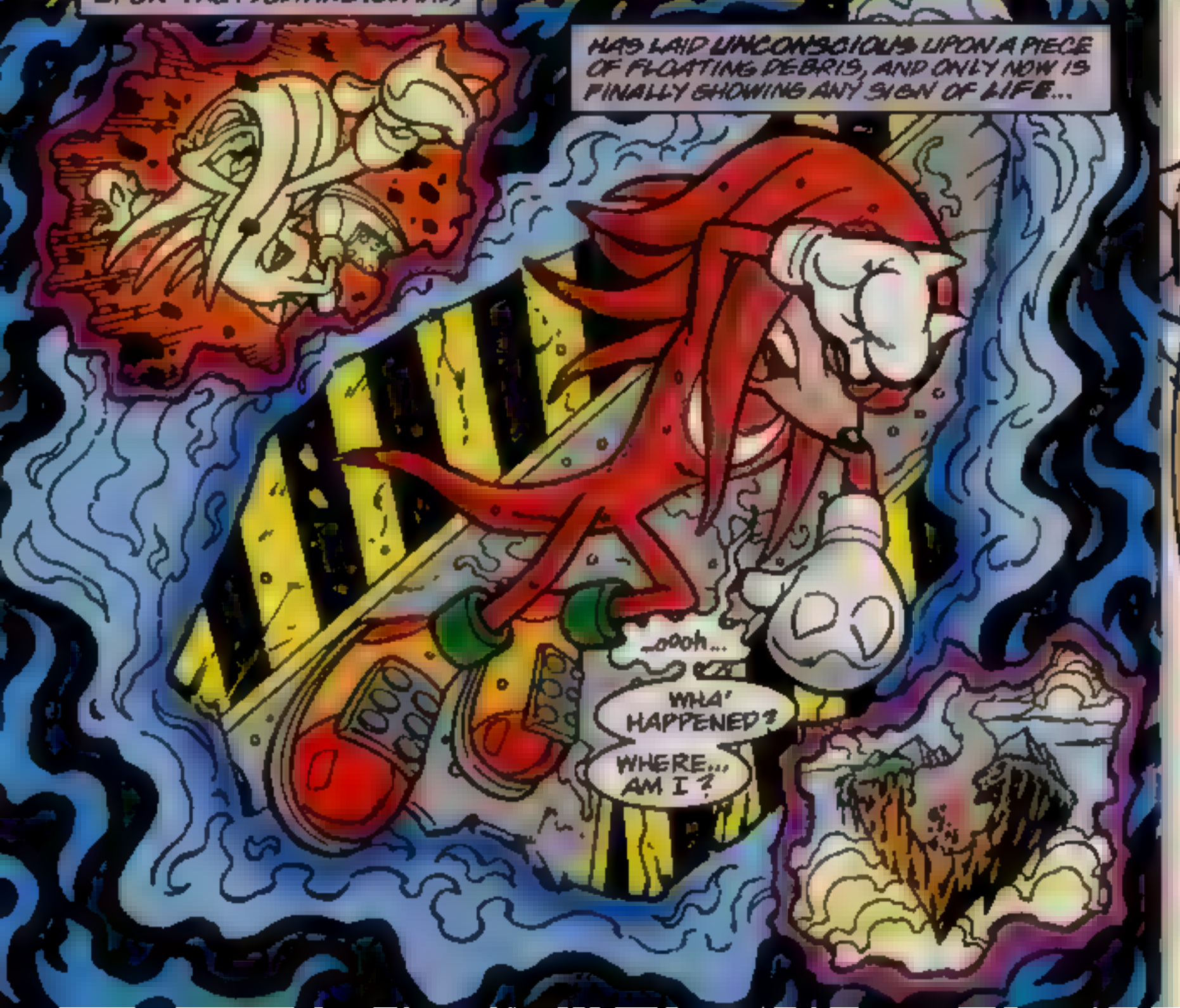
A NEW DAY DAWNS...

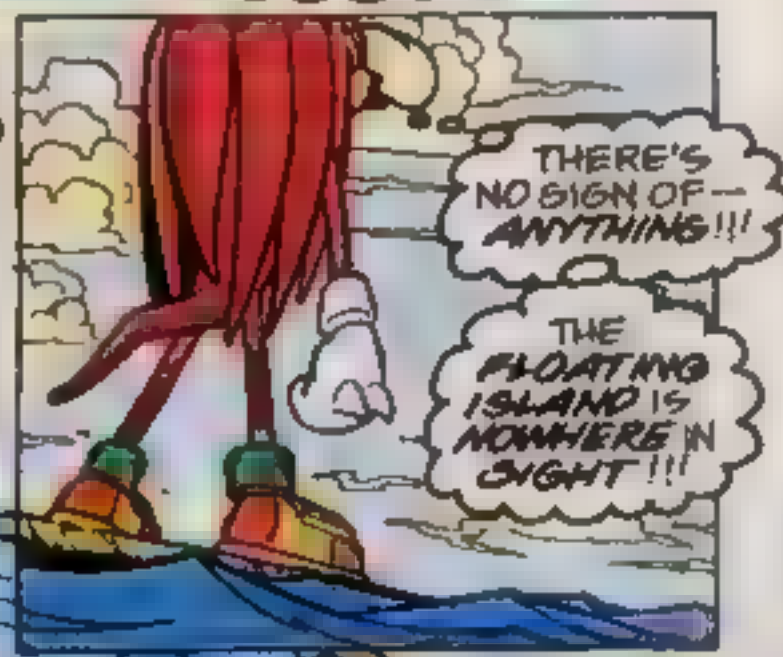
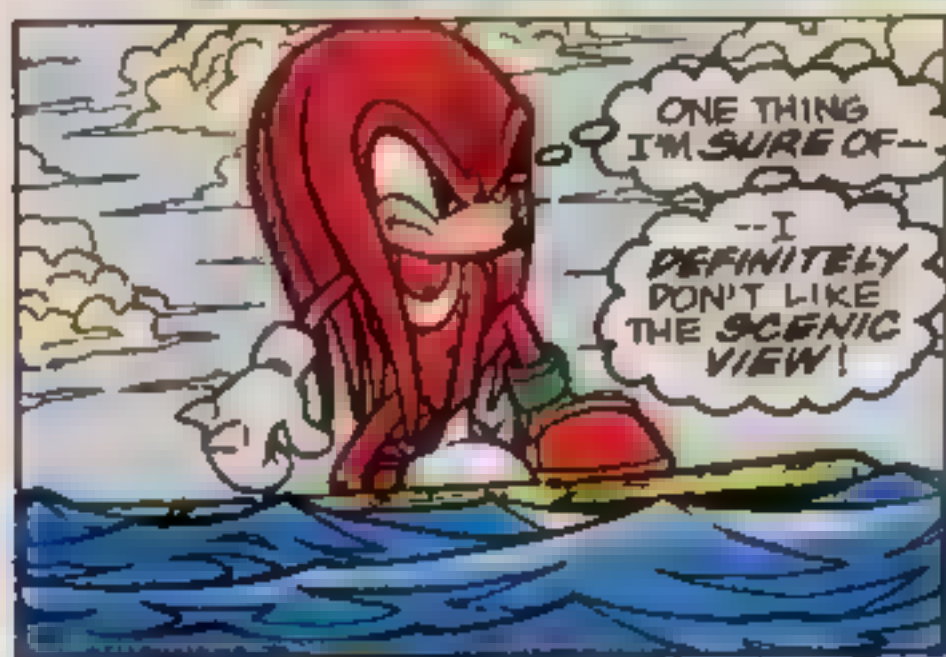
BUT INSTEAD OF THE HOPE AND PROMISE ONE NORMALLY ASSOCIATES WITH THE RISING OF THE SUN—

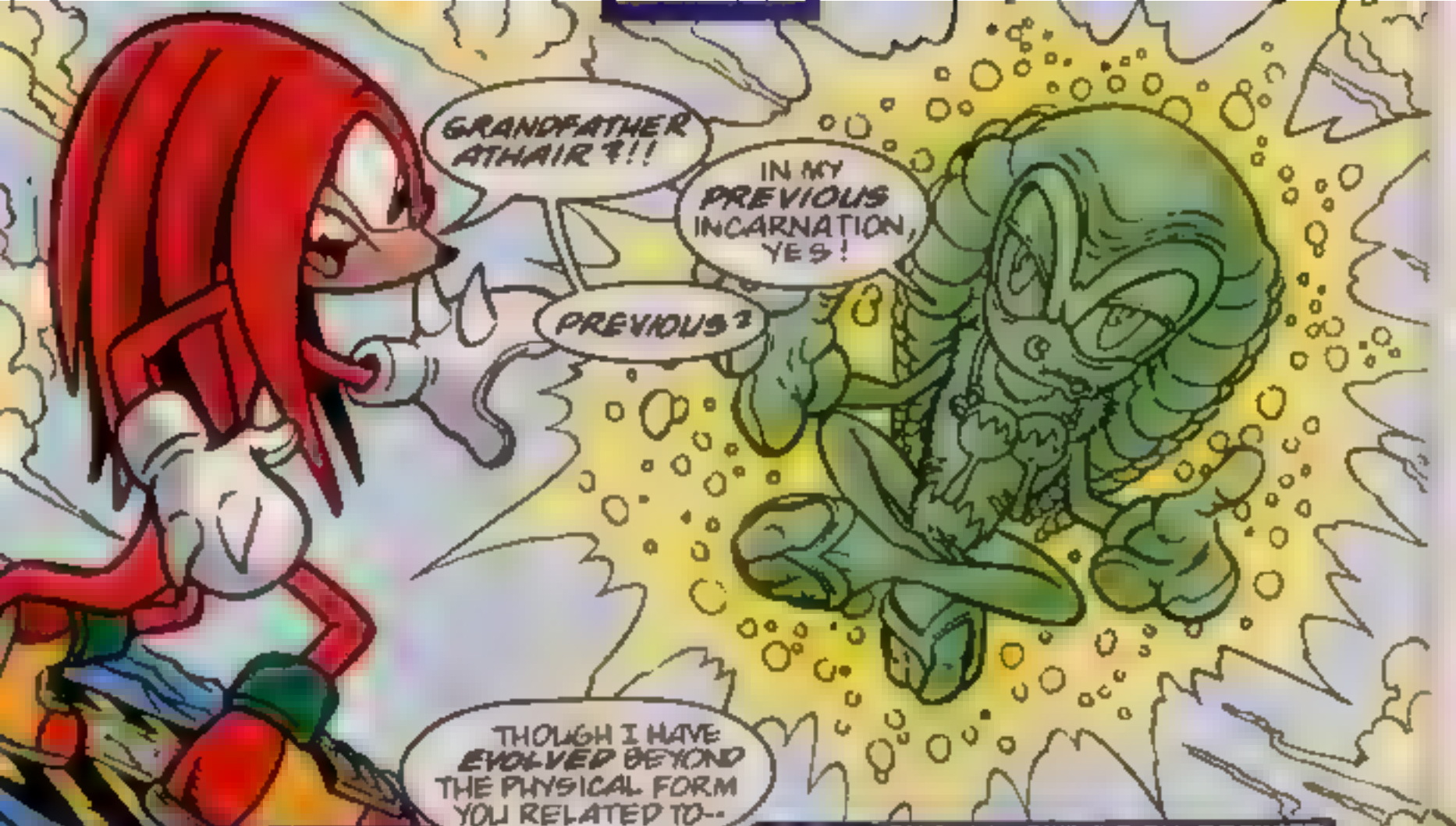
--WE FIND SHATTERED REMAINS OF YESTERDAY'S TRAGEDY!

FOR OVER THE PAST TWELVE HOURS, EVER SINCE THE DEVASTATION UNLEASHED BY THE DARK LEGION UPON THE FLOATING ISLAND,

HAS LAIN UNCONSCIOUS UPON A PIECE OF FLOATING DEBRIS, AND ONLY NOW IS FINALLY SHOWING ANY SIGN OF LIFE...







GRANDFATHER
AT HAIR?!!

IN MY
PREVIOUS
INCARNATION,
YES!

PREVIOUS?

THOUGH I HAVE
EVOLVED BEYOND
THE PHYSICAL FORM
YOU RELATED TO--

--I HAVE NOT
ABANDONED YOU
DURING YOUR HOUR
OF NEED!

LIKE YOU
WOULD KNOW
WHAT
MY PROBLEM
IS!

MORE THAN
YOU COULD EVER
IMAGINE!

THE
ANSWERS
YOU SEEK
MAY BE
FOUND IN
ALBION!

ALBION?!!

JUST GET ME
TO THE FLOATING
ISLAND, THANKS!

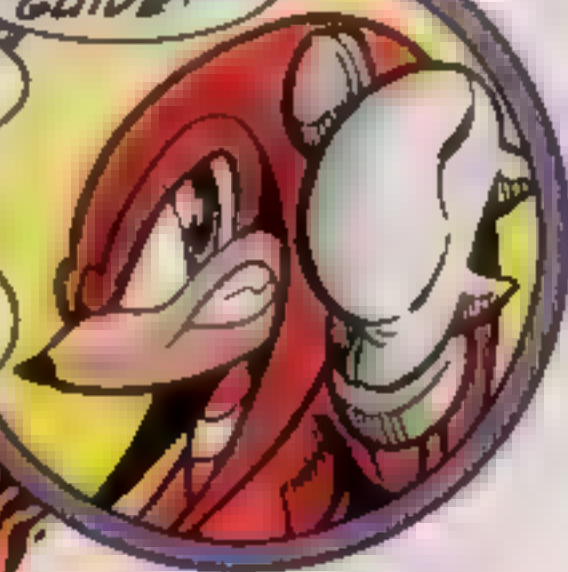
IF YOU WISH
TO GET FROM HERE
TO THERE, YOU'LL
FOLLOW THE PATH
I SET FORTH!

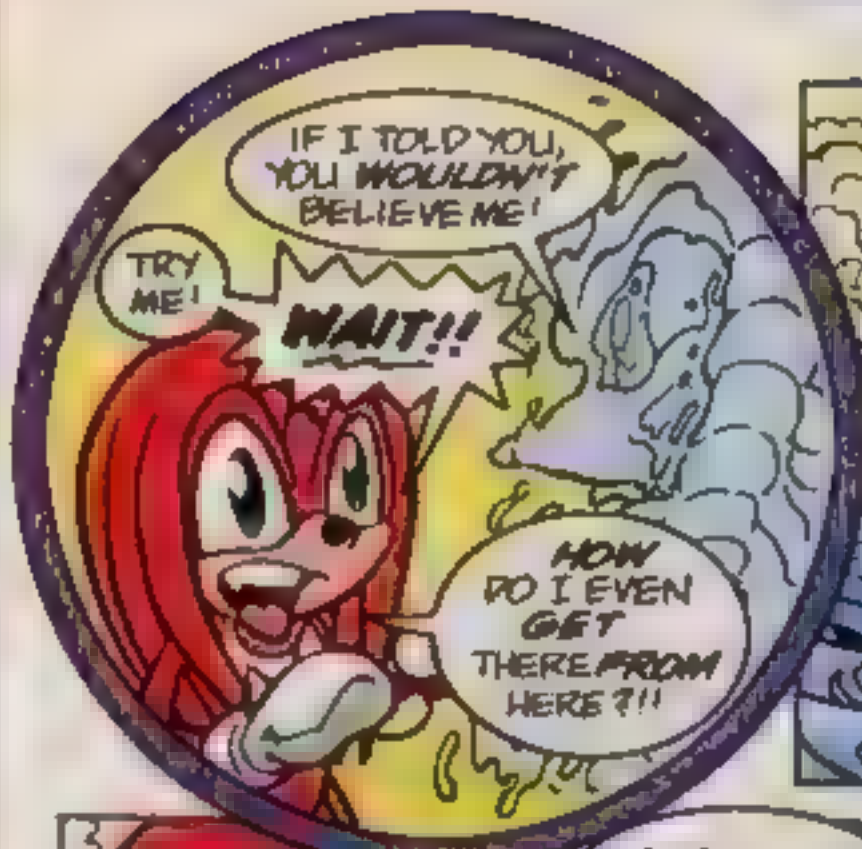
AND
YOU'LL NEED A
GUIDE!

ROBO'THE
NEDEE?!!

WHAT DO
I NEED HIM
FOR?

HE WASN'T ON THE
FLOATING ISLAND
LAST TIME I CHECKED!



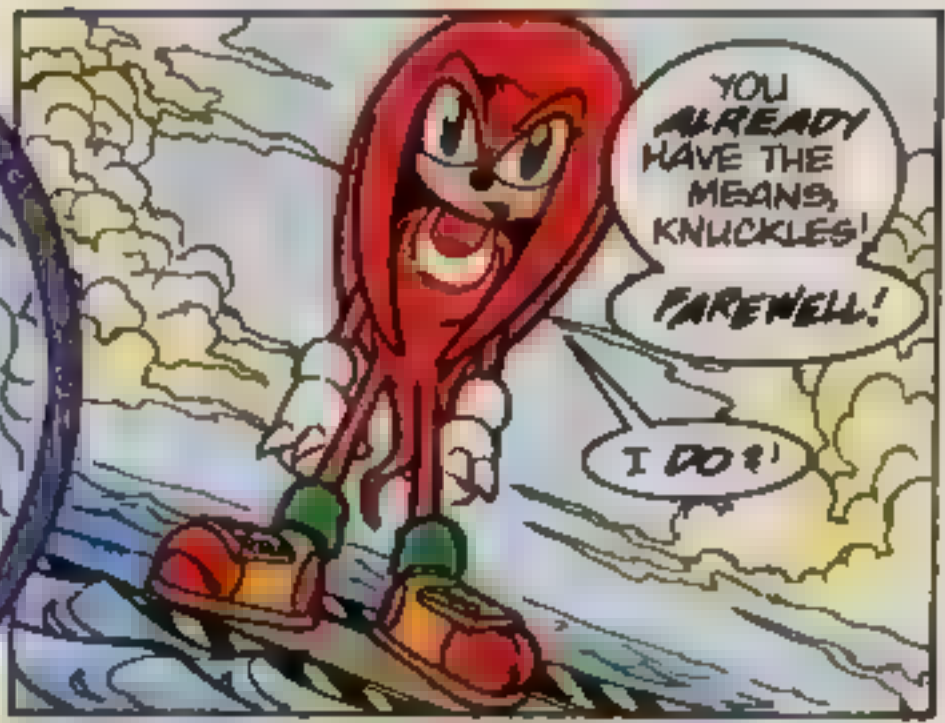


IF I TOLD YOU,
YOU WOULDN'T
BELIEVE ME!

TRY
ME!

WAIT!!

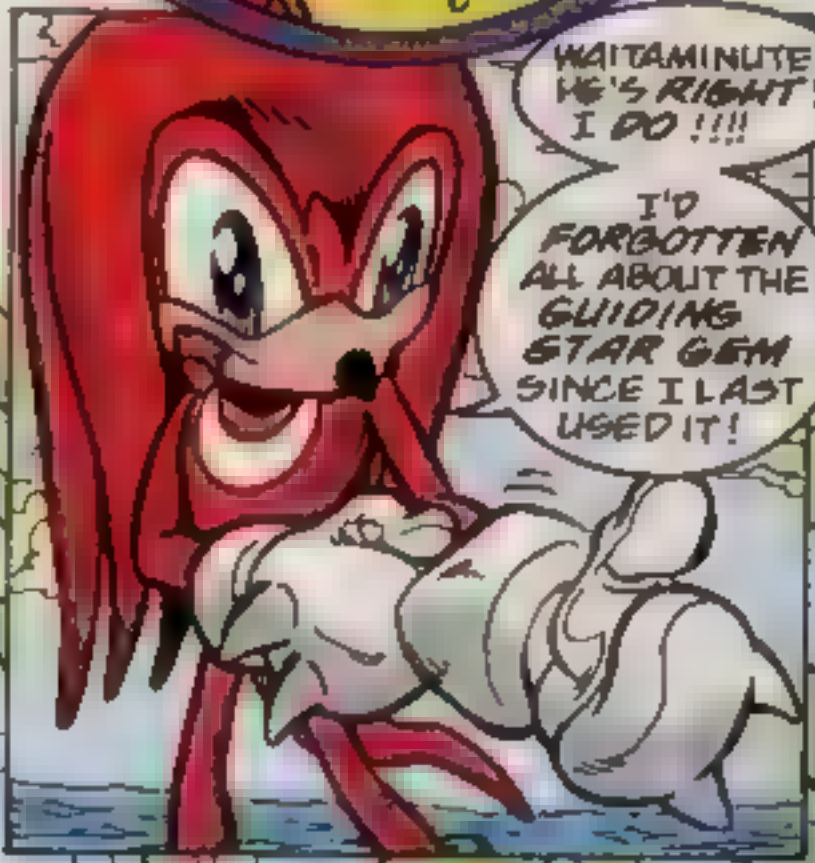
HOW
DO I EVEN
GET
THERE FROM
HERE?!!



YOU
ALREADY
HAVE THE
MEANS,
KNUCKLES!

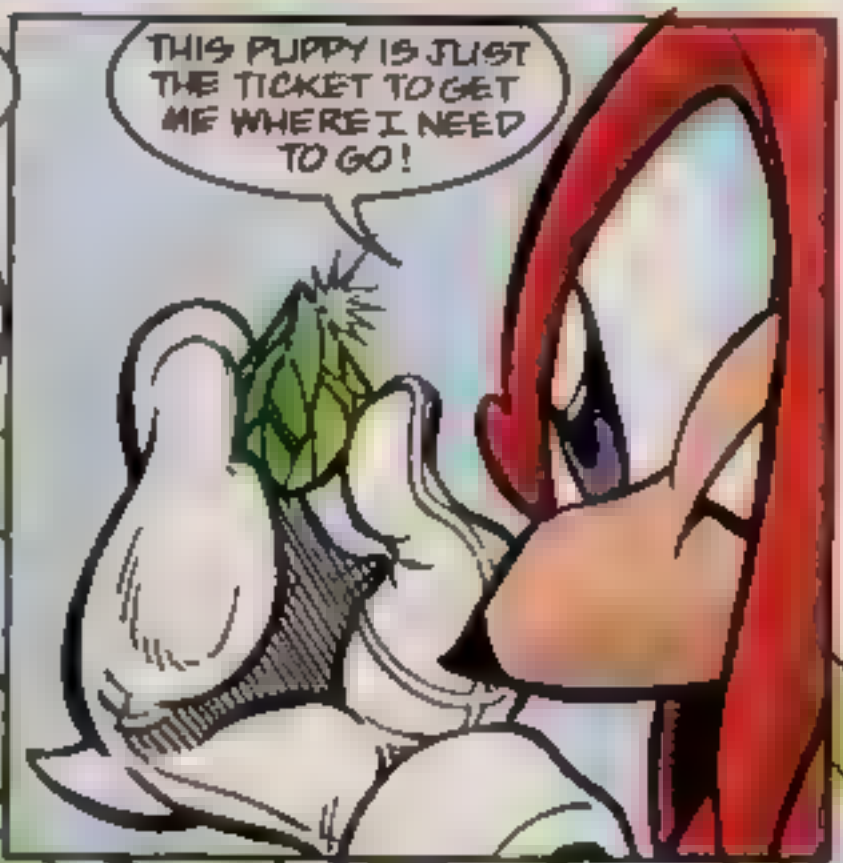
FAREWELL!

I DO?!

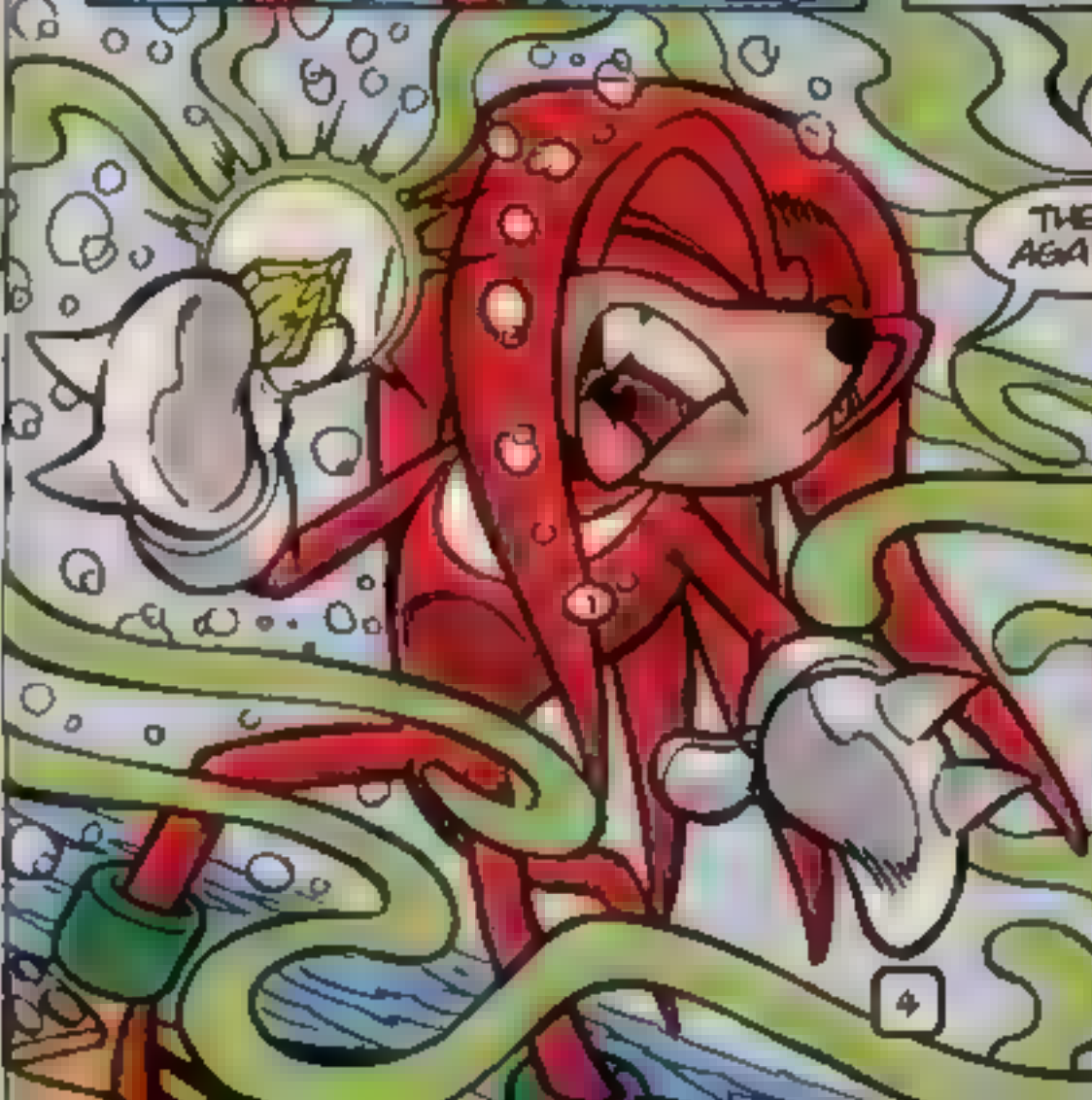


WAIT A MINUTE!
HE'S RIGHT!
I DO!!!!

I'D
FORGOTTEN
ALL ABOUT THE
GLIDING
STAR GEM
SINCE I LAST
USED IT!

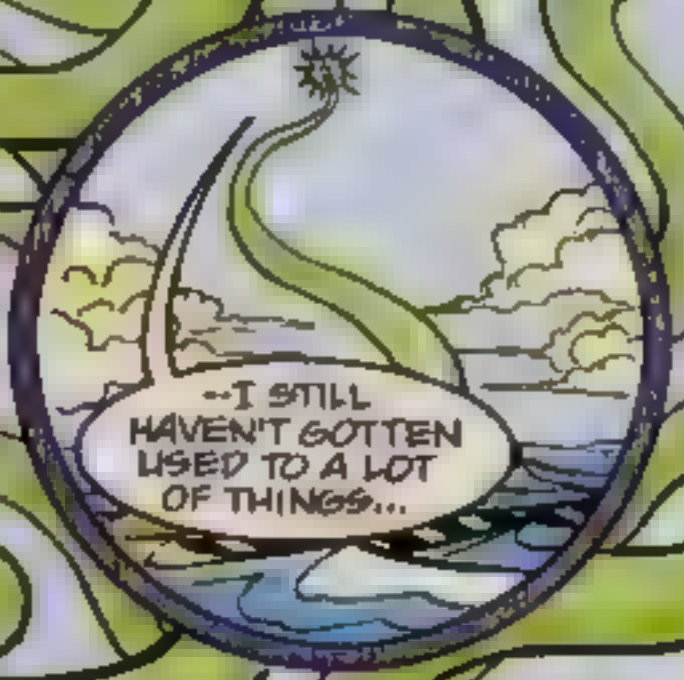


THIS PUPPY IS JUST
THE TICKET TO GET
ME WHERE I NEED
TO GO!



STILL HAVEN'T
GOTTEN USED TO THE
WILD EFFECTS,
THOUGH.

THEN
AGAIN—



--I STILL
HAVEN'T GOTTEN
USED TO A LOT
OF THINGS...

ELSEWHERE, ON THE DISTANT ISLAND
OF MERCA, LOCATED IN THE
NORTHERN SEAS OF MOBIUS, A NEW DAY
Dawns IN THE FOREST OF DEERWOOD...

AND IN A WOODEN HUT
LOCATED AMONG THE
TREE TOPS, WE FIND...

IS SOMEWHAT
AMISS, MY LOVE?

THOU SEEM
PERTURBED!

LIKELY,
IT'S NAUGHT, MY
FAIR LEMAN!

STILL, WARY
OUTLAWS LIVE
THE LONGER!

WORRY
NOT--

--I'LL RETURN
'ERE IN THE DAY'S
EYE SLEEPS!

NO!
YONDER WALKS A
CAUSE FOR
UNEASE!

BUT
DO MINE EYES
DECEIVE?

CANST POSSIBLY
BE THAT BASEST OF
BLACKGUARDS--

--THE HIGH SHERIFF
OF SNOTTINGHAM ?!!

BEST I ACT WHILE
FOUL FIEND AND MEINHOUS
MEINCHMEN ARE UNREADY!

THWANG!

SUGAR-
THAN!!

THWOK

BUSHWHACKERS!

GET DOWN,
LADEEZ!!!

STAND AND DELIVER,
FOUL VARLETS!

WHO-?

VARLETS?
US ?

ROB!

IT'S BEEN
SUCH A LONG
TIME!

REALLY,
M'LADY!

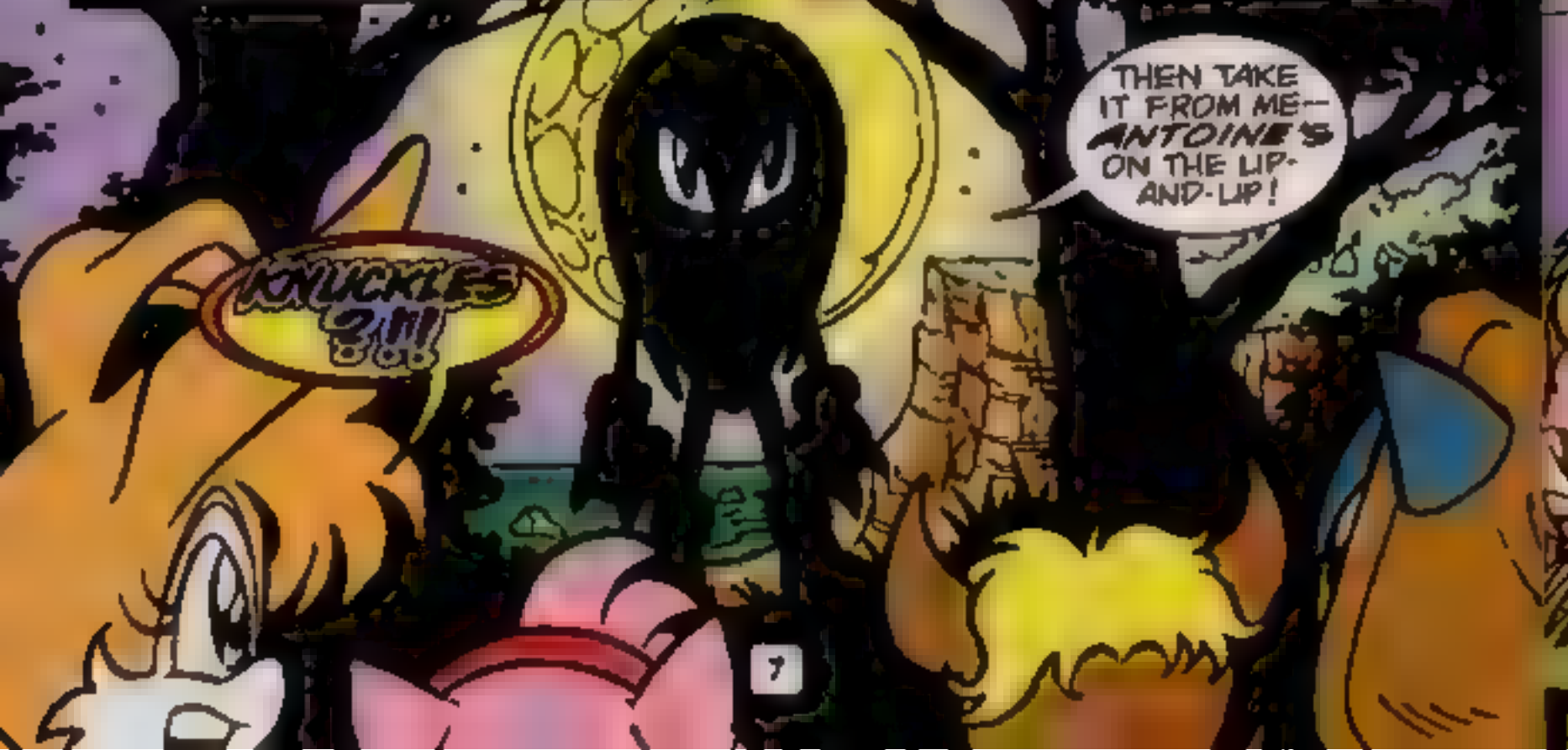
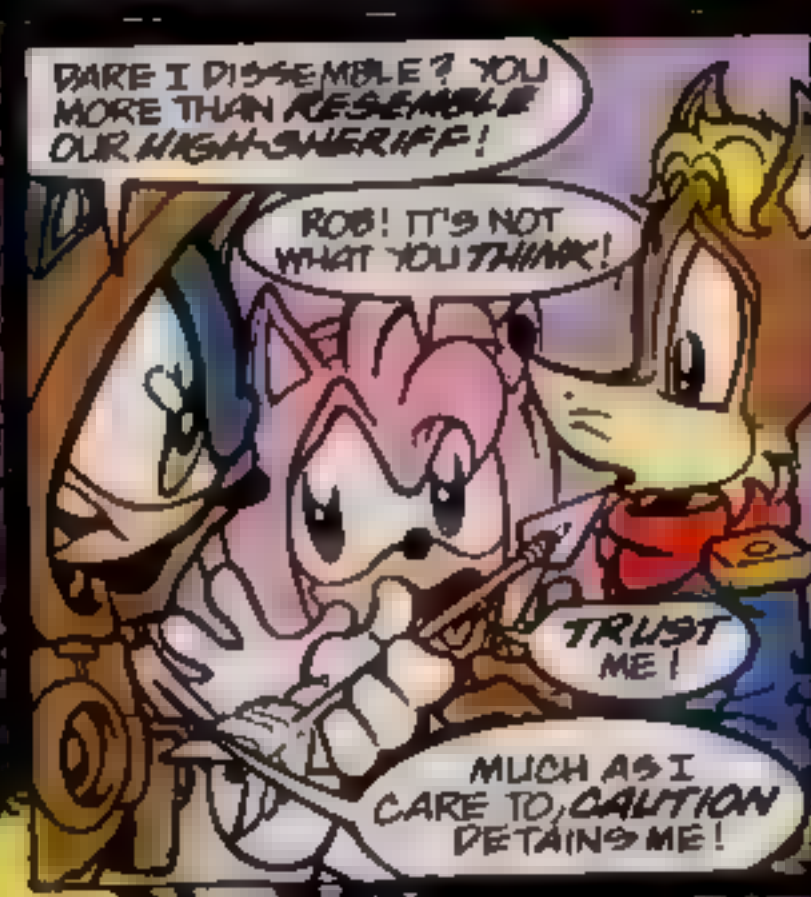
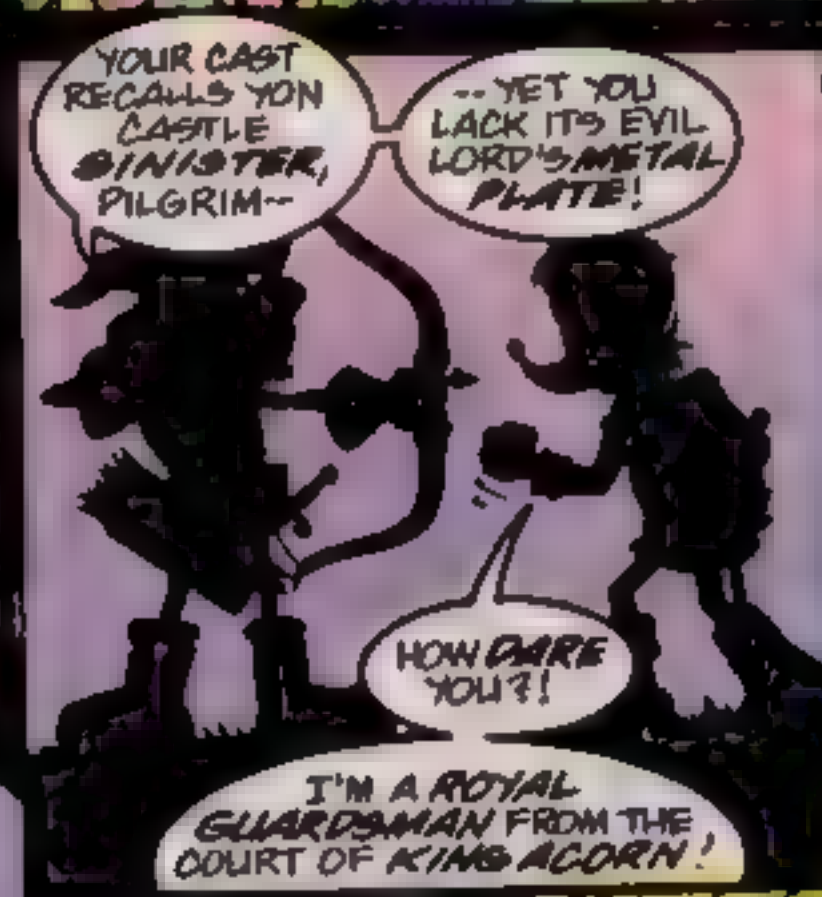
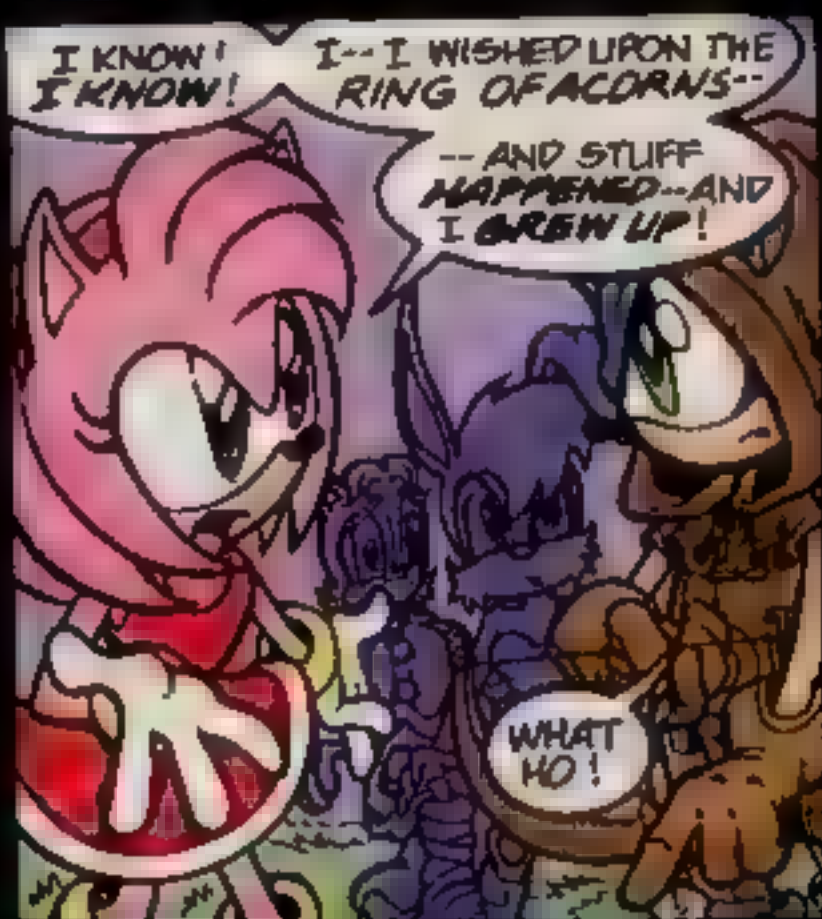
I'M
ALREADY
SPOKEN
FOR!

ROB--IT'S ME--
AMY ROSE!!!

YOUR
COUSIN ?
HELLO!!

WHAT
WITCHERY IS
THIS ?!

MY FAIR
COUSIN IS
BUT A MERE
LASS!



FRIEND KNUCKLES!
KNOWEST THOU
THIS DASTARDLY
INTRUDER?

YEAH-AND
HE'S DEFINITELY
ONE OF THE GOOD
GUYS!

SHOAH GLAD YAH
HEAH TO SET THIS SONIC-
HUNNIE STRAIGHT!

I DON'T KNOW *WHY*
THEY'RE HERE, ROB, BUT
THEY *ARE* WHO THEY
SAY THEY ARE,
INCLUDING YOUR *COUNIN*,
AMY ROSE!

AS FOR THE
BOWMAN, ANTOINE,
HE'S AS MUCH A
STRAIGHT ARROW
AS YOU!

WHAT
BRINGS THEE TO
DARKEN DEERWOOD
FOREST?

I CAME HERE
IN SEARCH
OF MY
FATHER!

I CAN
RELATE!

SO WHAT WOULD
YOUR FATHER AND
THE FLOATING ISLAND
HAVE IN COMMON--

--UNLESS THE
ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND
IN *ALBION*?

VERILY?

LIES A
VISIT IN THE
OFFING?

I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT'S ONLY A COINCIDENCE
WE FIVE HAVE *COME*
TOGETHER HERE!

SO, WHO'S
WITH ME--

NEXT:
--ON THE ROAD
TO *ALBION*!

SONIC-GRAMS

OFF PANEL



by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

THIS JUST IN!

J.F. GABRIE
Editor

Welcome, fans, to another exciting issue of Sonic The Hedgehog. This issue brings about many returns. The return of Sonic and the Freedom Fighters to the Kingdom of Knothole. The return of Knuckles The Echidna to this book, now as a regular back-up feature! The return of FRY as penciler. Though FRY has been busy doing other projects, he just had to admit that Sonic has gotten in his blood. He loves to draw the Blue Blur's adventures and I for one am sure glad he does. Please welcome FRY back to our Sonic family as we turn the corner toward issue #100. Lots and lots of stuff will be happening so keep a close eye on future events. On the Sega Dreamcast front, two new Sonic games have been announced. The first one (shipping in Fall 2000) is Sonic Shuffle. It is a multi-player, online-ready party game. You can play with up to 4 people at home or with other players on the Internet via SegaNet. The other is due out sometime in 2001, just in time for Sonic's 10th Anniversary. It is... Sonic Adventure 2! 'Nuff said! Enjoy the strip above since Archimedes has disappeared along with all the other inhabitants of The Floating Island.

Catch you on the flip side!

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**MORE TO COME
NEXT MONTH!**



DEC. cover data, ships 9/15. 32-page, full color comic, \$1.99 US; \$2.19 CANADA. "Thicker Than Water". Our heroes deal with the disastrous results of last issue's major turmoil, and in the process face their own inner turmoil as well. Princess Sally is among the hardest hit, keeping vigil for her ailing father, King Max-while Sonic blames himself for damage his headquarters has suffered, and you can bet he's not very happy! Marshaling the forces of Shadow Bots and Robians, he plots his revenge, even as Sonic ponders the Sword of Acorns' alleged ability to restore the Robians' own free will! **SCRIPT:** Karl Bollers. **ART:** James Fry (pencils) and Andrew Pepoy (inks).

The following is mail from **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11**, "Girls Rule!" From the overwhelming amount of letters we've received, it sure looks like featuring some of our more popular furry female cast members was a total hit with you fans out there!

Dear John Brown,

Regarding the Bunnie Rabbot story, "Upgrade", I'm surprised that transferring Bunnie's consciousness into a clone (preferably a drone-type lacking any personality) wasn't considered since this would effectively be artificial reincarnation and would probably even work for free-willed Robians (although the clone would have to be genetically-engineered to look identical to the original form). It would be less risky than derobotization. I think it would be nice to have a story where Aerial and Athena meet Princess Sally so we can find out what they all think of each other.

Mike Linbaugh
Birmingham, AL

Thanks for the quick science lesson, Mike, but we tend to think that all of the steps involved in your specific procedure (cloning, genetic engineering, and memory transfer) would be way more complicated (and risky) than simply finding a way to reverse derobotization.

Dear John,

Wow! **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11** was very moving! It hurt to see Lupe robotized. I liked her a lot. Maybe Bunnie will be back to normal someday. Will Geoffrey and Hershey become an item? And, of course, Julie-Su is so cool! Kary prays go out to Lupe's friends! Keep this way cool comic going!

Lily Fromme Benillas
San Tudos, CA

We always strive to please, Lily! Keep the faith and maybe Lupe will return someday to lead her pack. As for Geoffrey and Hershey, keep your eyes on them— sparks are sure to fly!

Dear Sonic Team,

I have been reading your comic ever since **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** issue #20 and have loved every one of them (except #33). I just finished reading **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11**, "Girls Rule", and I'm sorry to say I thought it was awful! The first story, "Ascension", was pretty good, but what's with Elias? I feel like he's taking Sonic's place. My one question about "Solo" is: Why did you robotize Valdez? He wasn't even in the story until that point! Lupe's story was the worst! How could you robotize her? She never even got to see her family! Now the Wolfpack probably thinks Charles robotized her of his own free will. I hope that gravestone at the end of the story doesn't mean she died. Upgrade was very close to being the worst. I didn't want Bunnie to be derobotized any time soon (sorry, Bunnie), but it was nice to know that she still had a chance! Now she's a cyborg, like Julie-Su, and that's just not right! Besides, I think she looked better before (she was certainly easier to draw!). I must say that Julie-Su's story was pretty good and, as always, Spaz's art was great!

Elizabeth "Dragonwings" Inganni (Age 14)
Dear Team, etc.

We know that Sonic is a very important part of Princess Sally's life, Elizabeth, but Elias is her older brother so his presence will be felt as well. We didn't robotize Valdez and Lupe— Robotnik did. The gravestone at the end of Lupe's story was symbolic. The Lupe we knew and loved is gone.

Dear Sonic,

I just got done reading **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11** and it was the greatest **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL** I ever read (next to "Battle Royal" in **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #1**), but I have a few questions: 1) Will Elias succeed his father as king? 2) Did the bomb that blew up at the end of "Solo" finish off Robo-Robotnik? 3) Will Uncle Chuck ever be derobotized and return to his old self? Well, that's all! See ya!

Keegan Gabrel (Age 11)
Pigeon Forge, TN

1) King Max wants nothing more than for his son to someday be king, but Elias isn't so thrilled about the decision, Keegan. 2) It'll take more than that. Remember, old Robo isn't a creature of flesh and bone. 3) Only time, (and upcoming stories) will tell...

Dear Sonic Editors,

I have some very uncool complaints about **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11**: 1) Valdez robotized? 2) Uncle Chuck a villain? 3) Lupe robotized! Other than that, very post cool comic! And the new art is awesome! Keep up the good work!

Robert Whitfield (Age 9)
Fayetteville, AR

Will do, Robert!

Dear Sonic Editors,

I'm reading **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11**. It's cool! I like the cover where Sonic says, "Hey! Whose comic is this anyway?"

Lee James Hahnemann (Age 8)
Savage, MT

That Sonic sure is a real scamp, huh, Lee?

Dear Sonic Editors,

Wow! I just read **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11**. It was great! Great artwork, great storylines...great everything! I especially liked the Bunnie Rabbot and the Julie-Su stories. I finally found out what was up between Kragok, Kommissar, and Julie-Su. I used to think that maybe Kommissar was Julie-Su's mom. Now I know that she is actually her half-sister. I have a few questions:

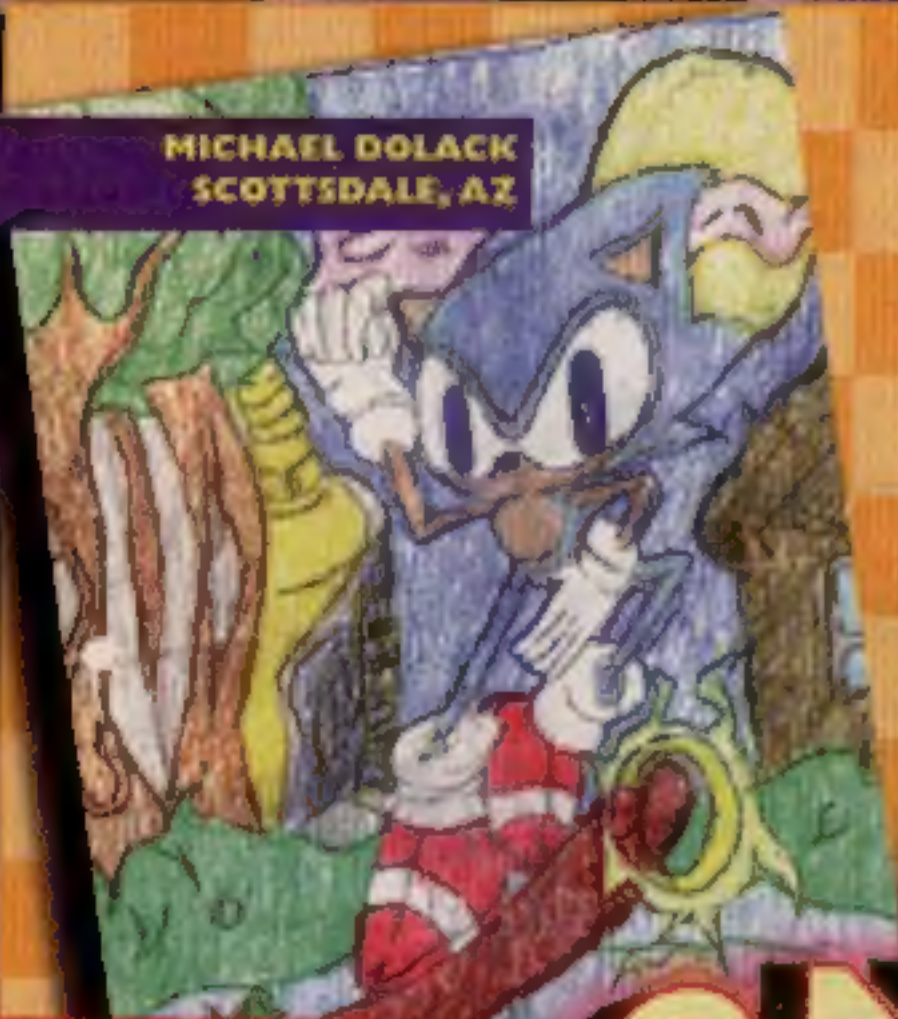
1) Are Kragok and Kommissar still around?
2) Is Manny Galan going to come back?

Amanda Adams
Birmingham, AL

1) Kragok and Kommissar are still out there. 2) No plans for it since Manny's working on other projects, but what'd you think of Spaz's art on "Shadows?"

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

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SCOTTSDALE, AZ



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